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THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1795–1905.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

MARCH 2, A.D. 1905, A.I. 2435.

PRESENT:

Comp.	J. Henry Williams, .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	William B. Meredith,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom, .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	George W. Kendrick, Jr.,	*Past Grand High Priest, acting M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary, . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Stockton Bates, .	*Assistant Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Thompson P. Ege,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. William B. Chalfant,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. William B. Wood,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Daniel W. Hutchin,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Samuel Laughlin, .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	John C. Taylor, .	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	George W. Kuebler,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas J. Parmley, .	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	William J. Diehl, .	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	George B. Wells, .	*Grand Marshal.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank W. Martenis,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies*
"	Frank M. Highley, .	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn, .	*Grand Tyler.*

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District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions WINFIELD S. BELL, GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE, WILLIAM NAGEL, JOHN B. SPRENKEL, FRED M. SMITH, JOSEPH C. EGBERT, ALBERT R. HOOVER, PETER K. FILBERT, ALLEN S. HECKMAN, HENRY L. MOORE, T. MORRIS CUDDY, CHARLES E. COOPER, JOSEPH J. LINGLE, GEORGE W. VERNES, WILLIAM F. SHAY, MARTIN L. SHAFFNER, PETER BARKEY, JOHN C. WALLACE, JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, CYRUS H. BLOOD, ELLIS H. DOAN, BURGOYNE RAYTON, WILLIAM S. SEMPLE, REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN, WILLIAM C. WALKER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, JAMES S. BARBER, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, EDGAR A. TENNIS, EZRA S. BARTLETT, EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, of Grand Chapter of California.
" JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and N. Carolina.
" DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" FRANK M. HIGHLEY, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" ALEXANDER MCCUNE, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" CHARLES CARY, of Grand Chapter of New York.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" JOSEPH M. WIATT, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM A. SINN, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of Grand Chapter of Victoria.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 161, 162, 163, 167, 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 175, 182, 183, 185, 190, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201,

202, 203, 208, 215, 217, 219, 220, 224, 225, 226, 227, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 255, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 267, 270, 278, 282, 284. (65 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Tuesday, December 27, 1904, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapters No. 150 and 174, and of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters No. 165, 170, 195, 240, 262 and 282, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, February 24, 1905.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from November 20, 1904, to February 24, 1905, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, November 20, 1904, . .		1,930 61
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters, ...	7,297 10	
Constitutions, ...	8 00	
Dispensations, ...	1 00	
Certificate, ...	2 00	7,308 10
		9,238 71

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Grand High Priest,	750 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	932 43	
Salaries,	537 50	
Investment,	1,023 54	
Library Committee,	50 00	
Past Grand High Priest's Jewel,	100 00	
Care of Organ,	40 00	
Clothing and Furniture,	88 01	
Printing and Stationery,	81 89	3,603 37
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, Feb. 24, 1905,		$5,635 34

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was received and the Resolution attached was, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 28, 1904.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom has been referred the question of recognizing the "Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia," reports thereon as follows:

From the Circular Letter emanating from the said Grand Chapter and which is the only information we have concerning it, it appears that there are in the State of Western Australia nine duly constituted Chapters, working one under the Grand Chapter of England and eight under the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Of these, all but two of the Scottish Chapters have joined the new Grand Body.

On the 15th of June, 1904, in pursuance of previous notice, representatives of a majority of these Chapters met and declared a Grand Chapter duly formed and constituted under the above title, and elected a First Grand Principal.

On the 30th of August, 1904, the first Grand Convocation of the new Grand Body was held, when the First Grand Principal was installed, and the other Grand Officers were elected and installed.

This Grand Body, thus constituted, now asks recognition from us and exchange of Representatives.

Your Committee regrets that it is not informed as to the attitude of the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland toward the new Grand Chapter, or the feeling toward it of the Chapters in Western Australia which are not of its obedience. But even if we were assured that the sentiments of these bodies are friendly, we are still confronted with the question, "Is a so-called Supreme Masonic Body, which has not the allegiance of all the bodies in its territory, entitled to recognition as such?" To say that it is, is to abandon the principles which have governed this Grand Chapter ever since its organization, and which are founded upon the soundest elements of Masonic law.

We have given the subject careful consideration and the respectful attention which it deserves, and while we are inclined to be liberal and progressive, we are not so to the point of abandoning the safeguards that our fathers put around the Masonic Institution to preserve its stability and prevent latitudinarianism.

We regret that our sense of duty compels us to report adversely to the request for recognition made to us by our Companions of Western Australia, and offer the following and move its adoption:

Resolved:—that as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia has not the allegiance of all the Chapters in Western Australia, and on account of lack of further information, we decline to recognize it as the Supreme Grand Chapter of that State.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.
STOCKTON BATES,
THOMAS F. PENMAN,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received and the accompanying Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, February 25, 1905.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed Codes of By-Laws for Chapters No. 150 and 174 and the proposed

Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 165, 170, 195, 240, 262, and 282, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 174 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 150 be returned to that Chapter for the insertion of Article X of the Revised Code of By-Laws adopted by Grand Chapter in 1897.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 165, 170, 195, 240 and 262 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapter No. 282 be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed) EDGAR A. TENNIS,
JOSEPH M. WIATT,
STEPHEN H. APPLETON,
JOHN E. POORE,
JOSEPH W. KENWORTHY,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1905.

J. Henry Williams, Esq., M. E. Grand High Priest,
Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing beg leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the proceedings of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1904 were asked from several firms and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Messrs. MacCalla & Company, Incorporated.

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed) LOUIS M. WAGNER,
ALEXANDER MCCUNE,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
ROBERT F. MUSTIN, JR.,
Committee.

General Returns were received from eighty-eight Chapters and three Mark Lodges, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

Communications were received from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, acknowledging the receipt of our Circular Letters, announcing the deaths of Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions RICHARD M. JOHNSON and GEORGE E. WAGNER.

A Missive was received from Companion JOHN COYLE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indian Territory, appointing Companion THOMAS F. PENMAN as Representative of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indian Territory near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion THOMAS F. PENMAN was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

The Grand Chapter was "called off," for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

On motion of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., the Grand Secretary was directed to send a letter of fraternal sympathy to the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Companion THOMAS R. PATTON, conveying to him the high regard of his

Companions in Grand Chapter assembled, with the earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty minutes P.M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

JUNE 8, A.D. 1905, A.I. 2435.

PRESENT:

Comp.	J. Henry Williams,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	William B. Meredith,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Thomas R. Patton,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Stockton Bates,	*Assistant Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Horace F. Fuller,	*Grand Chaplain.*
	Rev. William B. Wood,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Daniel W. Hutchin,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Samuel Laughlin,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	John C. Taylor,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	George W. Kuebler,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas J. Parmley,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	William J. Diehl,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	George B. Wells,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank W. Martenis,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank M. Highley,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn,	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions William Nagel, John B. Sprenkel, Fred M. Smith, Joseph C. Egbert, Peter K. Filbert, Henry L. Moore, Charles E. Cooper, George W. Vernes, William F. Shay, John W. Farnsworth, Ellis H. Doan, Burgoyne Rayton, William S. Semple.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., James S. Barber, Alexander H. Morgan, Ezra S. Bartlett, Edward B. Spencer, Henry Oscar Kline.

Grand Representatives

Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" Thomas R. Patton, of Grand Chapters of Canada and Scotland.
" James S. Barber, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and N. Carolina
" Daniel W. Hutchin, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. Oscar Kline, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
" George B. Wells, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" Frank M. Highley, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" Samuel W. Wray, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" William B. Meredith, of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" Alexander McCune, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. Henry Williams, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" Thomas Jacobs, of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Charles F. Wignall, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" Ezra S. Bartlett, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" Charles Cary, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" Edward B. Spencer, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Stockton Bates, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" Joseph M. Wiatt, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" William A. Sinn, of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 163, 169, 171, 173, 174, 175, 182, 183, 189, 190, 196, 197, 199, 201, 202, 208, 214, 216, 219, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 239, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 255, 256, 258, 262, 267, 268, 270, 271, 278, 282, 284. (53 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 2, 1905, were read and approved.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 8, 1904, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read.

Companion Thomas R. Patton was installed M. E.

Grand Treasurer, was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapters No. 150, 278 and 286, and proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters No. 52, 195, 198, 217, 233, 256 and 268, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 2, 1905.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from February 24, 1905, to May 31, 1905, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand February 24, 1905,		5,635 34
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	671 90	
Interest on Investments,	400 00	
Interest on Deposits,	31 16	
Constitutions,	12 00	
Certificates,	6 00	
Dispensations,	3 00	1,124 06
		6,759 40
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	625 25	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	38 70	
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania,	1,000 00	
Salaries,	562 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	1,054 72	
Clothing and Furniture,	117 70	3,398 87
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, May 31, 1905		3,360 53

We offer the following Resolution:

Resolved:—that additional appropriations be made to the several items of expenses, as heretofore recommended, as follows; to be drawn in the usual manner:

For Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests, . . .	200 00
Printing and Stationery, ...	200 00
Clothing and Furniture, ...	100 00
	$500 00

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed) EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received and the accompanying Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1905.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters No. 52, 195, 198, 217, 233, 256 and 268, and the proposed Codes of By-Laws for Chapters No. 150, 278 and 286, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 52, 195, 217, 233, 256 and 268 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapter No. 198 be approved.

Resolved:—that Chapter No. 198 be directed to further amend its By-Laws so that they shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 150 be amended by inserting in Article IV, Sec. 1, after the word "Stewards," the words "All of whom shall be members of the Chapter except the Chaplain and the Tyler," and that as so amended the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 150 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 278 be amended in Article IV, Sec. 1, by striking out the words "King, Scribe and one

Past High Priest," and inserting the words "Three Members" in lieu thereof and after the words "Committee of." And also in Article IV, Sec. 3, by inserting after the words "To be approved by the Chapter," the words "Through which account all moneys received and disbursed shall pass," and that as so amended the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 278 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws for Chapter No. 286 be not approved, but that they be referred to the said Chapter for insertion in Article IV, Sec. 5, of the amount to be paid to the Tyler, and to be further amended to conform to the form of By-Laws as approved by this Grand Chapter, particularly as to the character of investments prescribed in Article IV, Sec. 6.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

(Signed) EDGAR A. TENNIS,
STEPHEN H. APPLETON,
JOSEPH M. WIATT,
JOHN E. POORE,
JOSEPH W. KENWORTHY,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS, submitted the following:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—In accordance with Article VII, Section 1, I present for your consideration the following report:

———, M. E. High Priest of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, was arrested, charged with the offense of embezzlement, keeping fraudulent accounts and mutilating papers while acting as Clerk to the Commissioner of ——— County, and admitted the truth of the charge.

These facts were brought to my attention by members of the Chapter. I sent the following letter:

"——— ——— ———, *Secretary,*
——— *Royal Arch Chapter, No.* —.

"DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—You are hereby notified that I have this day suspended ——— from the office of M. E. High Priest of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, for the reason that he has been charged with having committed a criminal offense against the County of ———.

"You will notify the King that he is hereby directed, in accordance with his obligation, to assume at once the duties of the office of M. E. High Priest of ——— Royal Arch Chapter. In case of his inability to act, you will notify the Scribe to so act.

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"You are further directed to have charges preferred against Companion ——— as a member of your Chapter for unmasonic conduct.

"This letter you will cause to be read in open Chapter and entered in full upon the minutes.

"Truly and fraternally,

(SEAL) (Signed) "J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
"*M. E. G. H. P.*"

April 12, 1905, the Court of Quarter Sessions of ——— County, Pennsylvania, as of No. —, March Sessions, 1905, upon his plea of guilty to the charge of embezzlement, sentenced said ——— to pay costs of prosecution, a fine of six cents and to undergo imprisonment in the ——— Penitentiary of Pennsylvania for a period of four years.

On April 13, 1905, charges embodying these facts were preferred in ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, when a motion was made to refer these charges to a Committee of five to try the Companion. This motion was lost.

By letter of May 31, 1905, I am informed by the acting M. E. High Priest that "the matter has been allowed to rest until the intensity of feeling among the Companions of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, over the matter had somewhat subsided."

With a due regard for the highest and most liberal exercise of the cardinal virtue of Charity towards the accused, it seems as though the Craft have some rights in which the virtue of Justice ought to be exercised.

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed) J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

On motion duly made and seconded the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved:—that the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in suspending from office Companion ———, M. E. High Priest of ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, be approved and ratified.

Resolved:—that ——— Royal Arch Chapter, No. —, be directed to proceed forthwith to try the charges preferred against Companion ———, a member of said Chapter.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

R. E. Companion JACOB D. RUSH, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas. Died October 26, 1904.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL MANNING TODD, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Louisiana. Died February 1, 1905.

M. E. Companion JOHN S. DRIGGS, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida. Died February 24, 1905.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM LINDSAY ORR, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois. Died April 2, 1905.

M. E. Companion ALMON RALPH DEWEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa. Died April 15, 1905.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes P.M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

SEPTEMBER 7, A.D. 1905, A.I. 2435.

PRESENT:

Comp.	J. Henry Williams, .	. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	William B. Meredith,	. *M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom, .	. *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	George W. Kendrick, Jr.,	*Past Grand High Priest, acting M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary, . .	. *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Stockton Bates, .	. *Assistant Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Thompson P. Ege,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Horace F. Fuller,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. William B. Wood,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	Daniel W. Hutchin,	. *Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Samuel Laughlin, .	. *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
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"	George W. Kuebler,	. *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	. *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	August P. Kunzig, .	as *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	George B. Wells, .	. *Grand Marshal.*
"	Paul J. Pontius, .	as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank W. Martenis,	. *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank M. Highley, .	. *Grand Pursuivant.*
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Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., James S. Barber, Alexander H. Morgan, Ezra S. Bartlett, Henry Oscar Kline.

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" James S. Barber, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and N. Carolina.
" Daniel W. Hutchin, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. Oscar Kline, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
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" Frank M. Highley, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" William B. Meredith, of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" Alexander McCune, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. Henry Williams, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Charles F. Wignall, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" Ezra S. Bartlett, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" William A. Rhoads, of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico.
" Charles Cary, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" Stockton Bates, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" Joseph M. Wiatt, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 163, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 182, 183, 185, 186, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 208, 209, 216, 219, 220, 224, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 237, 239, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 255, 258, 262, 264, 266, 267, 270, 273, 278, 282, 284. (55 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 8, 1905, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws from Chapter No. 286, and proposed Amendment to By-Laws from Chapter No. 236, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following Quarterly Report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, 1905.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from May 31, 1905, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, May 31, 1905,		3,360 53
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	1,148 85	
Interest on Investments,	70 00	
Constitutions,	6 00	
Certificates,	6 00	1,230 85
		4,591 38
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	488 08	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	132 65	
Salaries,	562 50	
Examination of Mark Books,	300 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	38 21	
Furniture and Clothing,	17 65	1,539 09
Balance on hand, August 31, 1905,		3,052 29

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, 1905.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed new Code of By-Laws for Chapter No. 286, and the proposed

Amendment to By-Laws of Chapter No. 236, and offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 286 be approved.

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendment to By-Laws of Chapter No. 236 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
EDGAR A. TENNIS,
JOSEPH M. WIATT,
JOHN E. POORE,
JOSEPH W. KENWORTHY,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand Secretary presented the following Annual Report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 7, A.D. 1905.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1904:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1903, as per last report, .		22,676
Admitted during the year, . . .	230	
Restored to Membership, . . .	25	
Marked, etc., ...	1,889	2,144
Total, ...		24,820

Deduct.

Died during the year 1904, ...	403	
Resigned or Membership ceased, ...	231	
Suspended or expelled, ...	181	815
Membership, December 27, 1904, per returns, .		24,005

A net gain of	1,329
Rejected during 1904, . . .	84
Restored to G. M. S., . . .	25

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1903,		655
Admitted,		2
Total,		657
Deduct.		
Died during the year 1904,	29	
Suspended,	6	
Resigned,	6	41
Membership, December 27, 1904, per returns,		616
Number of Chapters, December 27, 1904,	127	
Number of Mark Lodges,	3	

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem,	27	7	17	7		423
21	Perseverance,	10	2	2	1	3	193
43		16	2	10	5	2	284
52	Harmony,	64	4	17	7	8	1146
91	Columbia,	47	3	11	4	3	567
150	Washington,	28	2	3	3		184
152	Reading,	16	1	3	2	1	226
169	Schuylkill,	2		2		1	35
161	Union,	9		2	1	1	215
162	Zerubbabel,	40	1	13	9	9	911
163	LaFayette,	6	1	2			114
164	Brownsville,	12		2			117
165	Union,	7					191
166	Mount Moriah,	6		2			91
167	Eureka,	4		2			100
169	Philadelphia,	15	1	7	2		234
170	Delta,	28	1	2		3	238
171	St. John's,	7		2	1	2	103
172	Temple	13		2			92
173	Easton,	19	1	4	1	1	222
174	Northumberland,	3		1			58
175	Keystone,	42	4	3	7	9	488

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
176	George Washington,	6		2			90
177	Tamaqua,	6		2		1	51
178	Catawissa,			1			22
179	Eureka,	16	1	4			114
180	Warren,	2					31
181	Lilly,	7		4			118
182	Shekinah,	45		6	1	11	309
183	Oriental,	51	1	27	7	1	1137
185	Lackawanna,	22	3	2	2	6	323
186	Lewistown,	3		2			77
187	Oriental,	4			1		60
189	Mountain,	18	2	6			296
190	Norristown,	23		6	1		349
191	Solomon,	3			1	2	78
192	Urania,	10	1	5		1	243
193	Duquesne,	33	2	11	5	2	689
194	Tioga,	1			1		63
195	Portage,	6	1	1	2	2	164
196	Mountain City,	6		2		2	121
197	Weidle,	10		1	1		124
198	Phœnix,	15	2	5		2	172
199	Howell,	12	3	7			183
200	Columbus,	3	4	3	1	1	87
201	Standing Stone,	5		3			85
202	Lowell,	3		4		1	85
203	Allen,	19	1	4	2	1	195
204	Anthony Wayne,	26	2		1		57
205	Factoryville,	8		1			60
206	Harmony,	5		3			102
207	Aaron,	2	1	1		1	55
208	Germantown,	26	2	3		1	213
209	Samuel C. Perkins,				1	2	65
210	Great Bend,	2	3		1		30
211	Venango,	10		1	1	1	183
212	Mound,	12		12	13	13	129
214	Valley,	9		2	1	3	93
215	Temple,	9	1	4	5		250
216	Zinzendorf,	10	1	2	1	2	104
217	Allegheny,	42	7	7	32	3	705
218	Bloomsburg,	10	1				68
219	Griscom,	5		1			84
220	Fort Washington,	6					38

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
221	Tremont,	2		1			63
222	Lycoming,	25	3	5	2		279
223	Oxford,	1		1			74
224	Corinthian,	9		2			104
225	Jefferson,	20		2	1	4	215
226	Siloam,	24	2	5			212
227	Emporium,	8			4		73
228	Clearfield,	10		8			169
230	Elk,	8			1		120
232	St. John,	18	3	4	2	3	284
233	Kensington,	27	3	23	4		500
234	Media,	3			1	1	83
235	Occidental,	12	2	2	2		120
236	Oil City,	6	2	1			125
237	Excelsior,	39		2	2	2	440
238	Newport,	3			1		59
239	Danville,	8	1				59
240	Palestine,	34	2	3	2	6	428
241	Bellefonte,	2		2		1	96
242	Pittston,	11	1	2			120
243	Tristram B. Freeman,	59	6	10	3	18	688
244	Norman,	15		1	2		133
245	Abington,	4	2	2	1		72
246	Warrior Run,	10	2	1			90
247	Orient,	14			23		157
248	Temple,	31	2	3	2		196
249	Monongahela,	30		2			182
250	Corinthian,	18		2		8	303
251	Signet,	15	1	2	1		115
252	Mizpah,	14				3	86
254	Arnold,	3		2	1		32
255	Bedford,	2		1			70
256	University,	45	1	5	1	4	358
257	Shiloh,	10		12	5		553
258	Chester,	20		6	1	1	278
259	Eden,	7		1	13		110
260	Bradford,	16	4		4	5	281
261	Troy,	5		1	3	4	67
262	Montgomery,	14		3	1	5	151
263	Coudersport,	3	1	3	1		65
264	Shamokin,	12	1	2	2	1	85
265	Westfield,	5			2		39

No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
266	Good Samaritan,	4		1			95
267	Coatesville,	8	2	1			98
268	Pittsburgh,	27	3	4	3	1	361
269	Ulysses,	1	1	1			40
270	Doylestown,	4	1			2	88
271	Pottstown,	6		2	2		135
272	Hebron,	8	3	1	1		66
273	Butler,	11		2		4	158
274	Bangor,	2			1		60
275	Kennett,	3	1				48
276	The Susquehanna,	4		1		3	63
277	Hazleton,	13		2	2	3	131
278	Catasauqua,	10		1			104
279	Kane,	5					64
280	Cyrus,	18	1	4	2		175
281	Monroe,	11					96
282	McKeesport,	33		1			286
283	Connellsville,	7		4	1		83
284	Melita,	74	19	1			184
285	Wilkinsburg,	47	69				116
286	Bellevue,	39	47				86
		1,889	255	403	231	181	24,005

Companion PETER BARKEY offered the following Amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved:—that Article XVI, Section 10, be amended to read as follows: Sec. 10. No Member shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason until he shall have adopted his particular Mark and delivered a representation of the same for record to the Secretary of the Chapter or Mark Lodge that conferred the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason upon him.

A Missive was received from M. E. Companion A. N. PRATT, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, appointing Companion WILLIAM A. RHOADS as Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion WILLIAM A. RHOADS was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters of other Jurisdictions announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion GEORGE STEWART GREEN, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas. Died May 19, 1905.

M. E. Companion ROBERT WILKINSON FURNAS, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nebraska. Died June 1, 1905.

M. E. Companion THOMAS ELWOOD GARRETT, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Died June 29, 1905.

R. E. Companion JOSEPH BAILEY COOKE, Deputy Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died August 4, 1905.

R. E. Companion LEWIS CASS GOODRICH, Grand Lecturer of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan. Died August 7, 1905.

On motion duly made and seconded it was

Resolved:—that the Grand Chapter voices its sentiments of sympathy and regard for its beloved Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion Thomas R Patton, whose continued illness prevents his being among his Companions.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and twenty-five minutes P.M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

DECEMBER 7, A.D. 1905, A.I. 2435.

PRESENT:

Comp.	J. Henry Williams,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	William B. Meredith,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	George W. Kendrick, Jr.,	*Past Grand High Priest, acting M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Stockton Bates, . .	*Assistant Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Thompson P. Ege, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles M. Stock, .	*Grand Chaplain,*
"	Rev. William B. Chalfant,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. William B. Wood, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond, .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Daniel W. Hutchin, .	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Samuel Laughlin, . .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	John C. Taylor, . .	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	George W. Kuebler, .	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas J. Parmley, .	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	William J. Diehl, . .	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	George B. Wells, . .	*Grand Marshal.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe, .	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank W. Martenis, .	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank M. Highley, . .	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn, .	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Winfield S. Bell, George C. Johnstone, William Nagel, John B Sprenkel, Fred M. Smith, John H. Shopp, Joseph C. Egbert, Albert R. Hoover, Peter K. Filbert, Allen S. Heckman, Henry L. Moore, T. Morris Cuddy, Charles E. Cooper, George W. Vernes, William F. Shay, Peter Barkey, John C. Wallace, John W. Farnsworth, Cyrus H. Blood,

Ellis H. Doan, Burgoyne Rayton, Reuben A. Zimmerman, William C. Walker.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Matthias H. Henderson, James S. Barber, Alexander H. Morgan, Edgar A. Tennis, Ezra S. Bartlett, Edward B. Spencer, Henry Oscar Kline.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, of Grand Chapter of California.
" James S. Barber, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and N. Carolina.
" Daniel W. Hutchin, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. Oscar Kline, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" Frank M. Highley, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" Samuel W. Wray, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" Edgar A. Tennis, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" Alexander McCune, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. Henry Williams, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" David M. Kinzer, of Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Isaac N. Grubb, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" Ezra S. Bartlett, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" William A. Rhoads, of Grand Chapter of New Mexico.
" Charles Cary, of Grand Chapter of New York.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" John McKain, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" Joseph M. Wiatt, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" William A. Sinn, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" Louis Wagner, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" Matthias H. Henderson, of Grand Chapter of Victoria.
" John C. Wallace, of Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219, 220, 224, 225, 226, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 262, 264, 266, 267, 268, 270, 272, 273, 276, 277, 278, 280, 282, 283, 284, 286. (100 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 7, 1905, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 166, 203, 211, 236 and 256 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

The undersigned, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the proposed amendment to the Constitution presented at the Quarterly Communication in September, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following in lieu thereof.

Section 10. No member shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time when he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he shall have had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge the prerogatives of the M. E. Grand High Priest relative to the conferring, or causing to be conferred, in his presence, or by his dispensation, any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

HIBBERT P. JOHN,
JAMES S. BARBER,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
H. OSCAR KLINE,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Quarterly Report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1905.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that

they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from August 31, 1905, to November 20, 1905, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance per last report,		3,052 29
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters,	460 05	
Constitutions and Certificates,	11 00	
Interest on Investments,	400 00	
Interest on Deposits,	38 85	909 90
		3,962 19
EXPENDITURES.		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	1,136 67	
Rent,	1,500 00	
Salaries,	562 50	
Examination of Mark Books,	200 00	
Clothing and Furniture,	99 85	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	87 10	3,586 12
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, Nov. 20, 1905,		$376 07

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1905.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion Thomas R. Patton, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Charles Cary, from November 21, 1904, to November 20, 1905, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

Balance on hand, November 21, 1904,		1,930 61

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges,	9,525 40	
Interest on Investments,	922 50	
Interest on Deposits,	70 01	
Constitutions, Dispensations and Certificates,	55 00	10,572 91
		12,503 52

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest,	3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests,	1,103 78	
Rent,	1,500 00	
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania,	1,000 00	
Salaries,	2,225 00	
Investments,	1,023 54	
Printing, Postage and Stationery,	1,261 92	
Clothing and Furniture,	323 21	
Examination of Mark Books,	500 00	
Past Grand High Priest's Jewel,	100 00	
Library Committee,	50 00	
Care of Organ,	40 00	12,127 45
Balance in hands of M. E. Grand Treasurer, Nov. 20, 1905,		$376 07

The investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to Twenty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($24,500.00), are as follows: Twenty Thousand Dollars Masonic Temple 4 per cent. Redemption Loan; Thirty-five Hundred Dollars City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan; One Thousand Dollars City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan; all in the name of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Bonds No. 60, 61 and 62, for $5,000.00 each,	15,000 00
Bonds No. 191, 192, 193, 194 and 195, for $1,000.00 each,	5,000 00
Bond No. 45, Series J, Philadelphia Loan,	1,000.00
Bond No. 352, Philadelphia Loan, Series M,	1.000 00
Bond No. 251, Philadelphia Loan, Series E,	500 00
Bond No. 550, Philadelphia Loan, Series G,	1,000 00
Bond No. 245, Philadelphia Loan,	1,000 00
	$24,500 00

The Committee presents the following estimate of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending November 20, 1906:

Balance on hand, November 20, 1905, . .		376 07
RECEIPTS.		
From Chapters and Mark Lodges, . . .	9,500 00	
Interest on Investments, ...	940 00	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc., . .	25 00	10,465 00
		10,841 07
Expenditures:		
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest, . .	3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests, . .	1,000 00	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, . .	1,000 00	
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary, . . .	1,500 00	
Assistant Grand Secretary, . .	600 00	
Grand Tyler, ...	150 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery, . . .	1,200 00	
Rent, ...	1,500 00	
Library Committee, ...	25 00	
Clothing and Furniture, ...	150 00	
Appropriation for completing examination of Mark Books, ...	150 00	
Investment, ...	500 00	10,775 00
Estimated balance, ...		$66 07

We offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved:—that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to invest Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) of the funds of The Grand Chapter in a good, marketable security in the name of "The Grand Treasurer of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in trust for the said Grand Chapter."

Resolved:—that the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they may become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
JACOB W. JACKSON,
Committee.

It was, on motion, resolved that the Resolutions accompanying the report be adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolution was, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1905.

To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 166, 203, 211, 236 and 256, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters No. 166, 203, 211, 236 and 256 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

EDGAR A. TENNIS,
JOSEPH M. WIATT,
STEPHEN H. APPLETON,
JOHN E. POORE,
JOSEPH W. KENWORTHY,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 1905.

To The M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that Messrs. MacCalla & Company, Incorporated, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the "Proceedings for 1904," completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee. The expenditure for the year for printing, postage and stationery, amounting to $1,261.92, includes the cost of printing and binding the Proceedings, and the expressage and postage for their distribution.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
ALEXANDER MCCUNE,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
ROBERT F. MUSTIN, JR.,
Committee.

General Return was received from Chapter No. 252, which was ordered to be entered and filed.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who, having reported, the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion	J. HENRY WILLIAMS, . .	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	CARL A. SUNDSTROM, . .	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS R. PATTON, . .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	CHARLES CARY, . . .	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The proposed Amendment to the Constitution, offered at the Quarterly Communication held on September 7, 1905, was taken up and considered, and the Amendment thereto offered by the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, as follows:

Resolved:—that Section 10 of the Constitution be amended to read:

"No member shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time when he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he shall have had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge the prerogatives of the M. E. Grand High Priest relative to the conferring, or causing to be conferred, in his presence, or by his dispensation, any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry."

Past Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., offered the following Resolution, which, being seconded, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved:—that the M. E. Grand High Priest be authorized to draw his warrant for Two Hundred Dollars to the order of the "National Relief Fund for the Suffering Jews in Russia."

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion ANGUS PATERSON, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida. Died July 26, 1905.

M. E. Companion REUBEN COMPTON LEMMON, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died September 6, 1905.

M. E. Companion THOMAS MILBURNE REED, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington. Died October 7, 1905.

R. E. Companion HENRY C. LOOMIS, Past Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kansas. Died October 14, 1905.

M. E. Companion JAMES DODGE GLENN, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of North Carolina. Died October 18, 1905.

M. E. Companion J. LEAVITT LAMBERT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. Died September 22, 1905.

The following Certificate was read:

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1905.

Charles Cary, Esq., M. E. Grand Secretary,
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION:—"At the Stated Meeting of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, held this evening, this being the

time fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter for the Election of Officers, Companion August P. Kunzig was elected M. E. High Priest to serve this Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John's Day next, December 27, 1905."

Yours fraternally,

[SEAL.] WILLIAM F. ENGLEHART, JR.,
M. E. High Priest.

Attest:
WALTER SCOTT, *Secretary.*

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG was duly installed as High Priest of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion DANIEL W. HUTCHIN, at the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at four o'clock and fifty minutes P.M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

ST. JOHN'S DAY,
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, A.D. 1905, A.I. 2435.

PRESENT:

Comp.	J. Henry Williams, .	. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	William B. Meredith,	. *M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom,	. *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Alexander H. Morgan,	. *Past Grand High Priest, acting M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary, . .	. *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Stockton Bates, .	. *Assistant Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Thompson P. Ege,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
"	Daniel W. Hutchin,	. *Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Samuel Laughlin, .	. *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	John C. Taylor, .	. *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	George W. Kuebler,	. *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas J. Parmley, .	. *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	William J. Diehl, .	. *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	George B. Wells, .	. *Grand Marshal.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	. *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank W. Martenis,	. *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Frank M. Highley, .	. *Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn, .	. *Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Fred M. Smith, Allen S. Heckman, Reuben A. Zimmerman.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., James S. Barber, Alexander H. Morgan, Edward B. Spencer, Henry Oscar Kline.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, of Grand Chapter of California.
" James S. Barber, of Grand Chapters of Delaware and N. Carolina
" Daniel W. Hutchin, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" H. Oscar Kline, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" Frank M. Highley, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" Alexander McCune, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. Henry Williams, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Charles F. Wignall, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" Ezra S. Bartlett, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" William A. Rhoads, of Grand Chapter of New Mexico.
" Charles Cary, of Grand Chapter of New York.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" Joseph M. Wiatt, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" William A. Sinn, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" Louis Wagner, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Chapters No. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 169, 171, 173, 175, 183, 185, 189, 202, 206, 208, 209, 216, 220, 226, 232, 234, 237, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 258, 262, 268, 271, 278, 284. (37 Chapters.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P.M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 7, 1905, were read and approved.

A copy of proposed Amendment to By-Laws was received from Chapter No. 262, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following Report, which was received, and the accompanying Resolution was, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 26, 1905.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed Amendment to By-Laws of Chapter No. 262, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved:—that the proposed Amendment to By-Laws of Chapter No. 262 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH M. WIATT,
For the Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 159, 164, 165, 169, 176, 179, 182, 183, 189, 190, 193, 194, 202, 203, 205, 214, 219, 221, 223, 226, 234, 235, 237, 239, 240, 242, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 262, 268, 270, 271, 277, 279, 281, 284, 285 (45 Chapters), which were ordered to be entered and filed.

M. E. Companions HENRY D. HAMILTON, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; GEORGE E. W. STIVERS and JOHN W. PALMER, Past Grand High Priests; CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Captain of the Host; GEORGE H. TOOP, Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, and HORACE W. WILLSON, Past Grand Master of the Third Vail, all of the Grand Chapter of New York, and PETER MCGILL, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, were pleased to visit the Grand Chapter, and were received with the customary honors.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 7, 1905, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion J. Henry Williams was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging*, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion	William B. Meredith,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom, . .	. *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Charles Cary, . . .	. *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion J. Henry Williams, then presented the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:—With grateful acknowledgment to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us during the Masonic year just closed, I present to you herewith a Report of my official acts as M. E. Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction.

Decisions.

The following decisions have been made, and they are reported for record and not because there is any novelty in them.

It is not lawful for the Chapter Hall to be used for social purposes. Nor can the Chapter as such hold a meeting

anywhere at which there are present any except Royal Arch Masons.

The funds of a Chapter cannot be used to defray the expenses for refreshments for a mixed company.

Upon a second petition being presented to a Chapter other than the one nearest the residence of the petitioner, a second inquiry must be made as to Masonic objection.

A member of a Chapter resigned. He subsequently presents a petition for membership to the Chapter from which he resigned and is rejected—

Question. When may he present another petition for membership ?

Answer. At any stated meeting of the Chapter.

A petitioner for degrees and membership who was thrice rejected may petition any Chapter other than the one in which he was rejected, provided permission to do so is granted by the Grand Chapter.

Where the Grand Chapter gives permission to a Chapter to receive and act upon a fourth petition, such petition cannot be presented to any Chapter except the one to which permission was given to receive it.

In balloting upon petitions for degrees and membership, or for membership only, the ballot box should be prepared by the Senior Master of Ceremonies, under the direction of the M. E. High Priest; presented by the Senior Master of Ceremonies to the M. E. High Priest, King and Scribe, and then be placed upon the altar.

Declared vacant the office of M. E. High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter No. —, Companion —— — ——, the M. E. High Priest, having permanently removed from the jurisdiction.

Declared vacant the office of M. E. High Priest of ——— R. A. Chapter, No. —, Companion — ———

———, the M. E. High Priest, having permanently removed from the jurisdiction.

Dispensations.

January 11. To Bloomsburg R. A. Chapter, No. 218, to elect officers, on account of failure to hold election at proper time.

March 10. To Kennett R. A. Chapter, No. 275, to elect a Treasurer, the Treasurer living out of the Jurisdiction at time of the election.

March 14. To Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250, to elect a Treasurer, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

Declined to grant a number of requests made for Dispensations to exalt candidates in less than four weeks from the time they had the degree of Mark Master Mason conferred upon them.

My reasons for so doing were as follows:

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Art. VII, Sec. 2, says: "He (the M. E. Grand High Priest) is supreme in all matters concerning Capitular Masonry, except when the Grand Chapter limits his power by its Constitution."

Art. XVI, Sec. 10: "No member shall be exalted within four weeks from the time he shall have received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason," etc.

As soon as a candidate receives the Mark Master Mason's degree he becomes a member of the Chapter and is subject to the provisions of the Constitution, and I held it was not within the power of the M. E. Grand High Priest to grant a Dispensation to set aside the provisions of the law.

This condition was anomalous, for the M. E. Grand High Priest has by virtue of his prerogative the power to make a Royal Arch Mason at sight, which would of necessity include

the degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason, as well as the Royal Arch, and yet he could not exalt a member in less than the prescribed time.

This anomaly does not now exist, for by the amendment adopted at the Quarterly Communication the power has been restored to the M. E. Grand High Priest. And while it exists, the mere desire of candidates to rush through the Capitular degrees to attain something else will not, at least during the present Masonic year, be considered a sufficient reason for the exercise of that power

Representatives to Other Grand Chapters.

Appointed Franklin R. Redlon as Representative from this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Maine, in place of Marquis F. King, deceased.

Appointed Robert W. McGinnis as Representative from this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, in place of Robert W. Furnas, deceased.

Declined to appoint as the Representative from this Grand Chapter near another Grand Chapter one who was not a Past High Priest and who had not had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him.

Representatives Received.

William A. Rhoads, of Chapter No. 52, from New Mexico, in place of M. E. Companion Richard M. Johnson, deceased.

New Mexico has since discontinued the exchanging of Representatives.

Waivers of Jurisdiction.

I have asked for and received two waivers of Jurisdiction from New Jersey.

I have granted waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: New

Jersey, 8; New York, 2; West Virginia, 1; Maryland, 4, and Ohio, 2.

I refused to grant a waiver over Brothers Francis H. Tees, of Moscow Lodge, No. 504, Pa., and Charles A. Anderson, of McKean Lodge, No. 338, Pa., because they had not "passed the Chair." The latter subsequently did pass the Chair and waiver was granted upon a second request.

Work.

At the Quarterly Communication held in March the Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the Grand Officers, M. E. Grand Scribe Carl A. Sundstrom as Worshipful Master.

At the Quarterly Communication held in June the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the Grand Officers, M. E. Grand King William B. Meredith as Most Excellent Master.

At the Quarterly Communication held in September the Royal Arch Mason's degree was exemplified by the Grand Officers, the M. E. Grand High Priest as M. E. High Priest.

And at the Quarterly Communication held in December the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon Companion August P. Kunzig, and he was duly installed M. E. H. P. of Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243, by Companion Daniel W. Hutchin, Grand Captain of the Host and Principal Instructor in the Capitular degrees.

The work as exemplified is the work of this Jurisdiction.

Edicts.

February 17. Declared null and void the election of Companion Isaac Richards as Treasurer of Kennett R. A. Chapter, No. 275, he not being a resident of the Jurisdiction at the time of election.

March 23. Declared null and void action of ——— R. A. Chapter, No. —, in acting on petition of Companion —— — —— without first having made report that said Companion had been restored to good Masonic standing, and without having made inquiry of the Grand Secretary whether there was any Masonic objection to acting on said petition.

December 19. Declared null and void the action of —— — ——— R. A. Chapter, No. —, in receiving and accepting the resignation from membership of Companion —— — ——, the Secretary of that Chapter. No officer can resign his membership from a Chapter during the Masonic year for which he has obligated himself to serve. It would be permitting him to violate his obligation, which cannot for a moment be countenanced.

Grand Visitations.

I have made the following Grand Visitations, and have had the presence and assistance of the M. E. Grand King, the M. E. Grand Scribe, the M. E. Grand Secretary and the appointed officers at most of them:

January 6. Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

February 15. Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 91, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

March 16. Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

March 23. Montgomery R. A. Chapter, No. 262, Ardmore, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred.

April 14. Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

April 22. Phœnix R. A. Chapter, No. 198, Phœnixville, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred.

May 8. LaFayette R. A. Chapter, No. 163, Lock Haven, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was rehearsed.

May 9. Oil City R. A. Chapter, No. 236, Oil City, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was rehearsed by the appointed Grand Chapter Officers. The Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was rehearsed by the officers of Occidental R. A. Chapter, No. 235, of Warren, and the Royal Arch Mason's degree was rehearsed by the officers of Oil City R. A. Chapter, No. 236.

May 10. Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 215, Erie, when the Mark Master Mason's degree, the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree and the Royal Arch degrees were conferred.

May 11. Shiloh R. A. Chapter, No. 257, Pittsburg, when the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred.

May 12. Urania R. A. Chapter, No. 192, Greensburg, when the Mark Master Mason's degree and the Royal Arch degree were conferred by the officers of McKeesport R. A. Chapter, No. 282, of McKeesport.

May 13. St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 171, Carlisle, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred by the appointed Grand Chapter officers.

June 12. Norristown R. A. Chapter, No. 190, Norristown, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred.

June 14. Philadelphia R. A. Chapter, No. 169, Philadelphia, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred.

September 11. Melita R. A. Chapter, No. 284, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

October 2. Mountain City R. A. Chapter, No. 196, Pottsville, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

October 3. Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 179, Carbondale, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred by the officers of Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 179, and the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred by the

officers of Lackawanna R. A. Chapter, No. 185, of Scranton. At this meeting were also present the officers of Anthony Wayne R. A. Chapter, No. 204, of Honesdale, prepared to confer the Royal Arch degree, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was not done.

October 4. Shekinah R. A. Chapter, No. 182, Wilkes-Barre, when the Royal Arch degree was rehearsed.

October 5. Great Bend R. A. Chapter, No. 210, Great Bend, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was rehearsed by the officers of Factoryville R. A. Chapter, No. 205, of Factoryville; the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree by the officers of Great Bend R. A. Chapter, No. 210, of Great Bend, and the Royal Arch degree by the officers of The Susquehanna R. A. Chapter, No. 276, of Susquehanna.

October 6. Tioga R. A. Chapter, No. 194, Wellsboro, when the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred by the M. E. Grand King, Companion William B. Meredith, and the Grand Chapter Officers.

October 27. Signet R. A. Chapter, No. 251, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

November 7. St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred. On this visitation I was honored by the company of M. E. Companion Isaac F. Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of Connecticut.

November 21. Chester R. A. Chapter, No. 258, Chester, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

Informal Visitations.

I have made the following informal visits:

February 21. University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, Philadelphia.

March 27. Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, Philadelphia.

April 3. Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250, Philadelphia.

April 10. Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 202, West Chester.

April 17. Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia.

April 20. Coatesville R. A. Chapter, No. 267, Coatesville.

April 26. Kennett R. A. Chapter, No. 275, Kennett Square.

May 15. Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203, Allentown, on the occasion of a fraternal visit from University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, of Philadelphia.

May 16. Doylestown R. A. Chapter, No. 270, Doylestown, on the occasion of a fraternal visit from Easton R. A. Chapter No. 173, of Easton.

September 12. Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, Philadelphia.

October 9. Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, Philadelphia.

October 16. Germantown R. A. Chapter, No. 208, Philadelphia.

October 17. Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, Philadelphia.

November 6. Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, Harrisburg.

November 9. Easton R. A. Chapter, No. 173, Easton.

November 15. Siloam R. A. Chapter, No. 226, Philadelphia.

November 24. Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 248, Philadelphia.

November 27. Kensington R. A. Chapter, No. 233, Philadelphia.

December 19. University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, Philadelphia.

December 20. Orient R. A. Chapter, No. 247, Kittanning.

The work as done by the various Chapters, with very few exceptions, deserved and received my hearty commendation. And I am pleased to report there is visible a marked improvement in the work of conferring degrees.

At each of the visitations I made an address upon some of the lessons taught in the Capitular degrees.

March 24. In company with the M. E. Grand Secretary I went to Baltimore, Md., and accompanied M. E. Grand High Priest Charles McDonald, Jr., and his Grand Officers in an official visitation to Phœnix R. A. Chapter, No. 7, of that Jurisdiction.

Marks.

In order to properly take up the subject of "Marks," a legacy to me from my predecessors, and to have a correct list of all the members in this Jurisdiction, I issued the following letter to 127 Chapters and three Mark Lodges:

The Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Office of M. E. Grand High Priest, Masonic Temple.

Philadelphia, February 6, 1905.

To.....

M. E. High Priest of Chapter No.....

Dear Sir and Companion:—You are hereby requested to send to this office on or before March 1st, 1905, an Alphabetical list of all of those who were members of your Chapter on December 27th, 1904, together with their addresses. Have this list signed by yourself as M. E. High Priest, attested by your Secretary, and the seal of your Chapter attached thereto.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

J. Henry Williams,

M. E. Grand High Priest.

Having these lists, I selected Companion P. H. P. James H. Anderson to do the work of the examination of the Mark books and compare the same with the lists of members, to get an absolutely accurate statement of the conditions.

In connection with this work I have written 514 letters and received 236 responses.

After each book had been examined by Companion An-

derson and his report thereon made to me, I personally went over it and the Mark books and then communicated with the Secretaries, sending to them the report, and in my letters calling attention to the errors and omissions and asking that the same be corrected and supplied. Most of the Secretaries have been prompt and faithful in aiding me in this work. Some have not, but I propose during the coming year to take up each one individually and have the errors corrected.

The members of the Grand Chapter may well consider, during the coming Masonic year, what will be done to those who decline or refuse to furnish a copy of their Marks for proper record. It is a subject which will have to be met by you, and you should be prepared to meet the issue squarely when it comes up for action.

I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the earnest and conscientious work done in this connection by Companion Anderson, and by those Secretaries who have been faithful and diligent in discharging so irksome a task and so disagreeable a duty.

I wish to place upon record that the great majority of the Mark books are well kept, neatly written, and that the Marks are artistically drawn and the books a credit to the Chapters.

By the tabulated statements hereto attached it will be seen that while my immediate predecessor reported 1,796 unrecorded Marks in the Chapters and 121 unrecorded Marks in the Mark Lodges, a total of 1,917, there were actually on December 27, 1904, in the Chapters 2,973 unrecorded and in the Mark Lodges 164, or a total of 3,137, or 1,220 more than reported.

A large number of this 1,220 arose from a misconception on the part of those making the reports. In many instances a blank book was used, in which was written a description of the Mark adopted, but no drawing or copy of the Mark; in

others the officer reporting took it for granted that those who had filled the office before him had performed their duty; so that this discrepancy was not caused by any thought of misleading, but simply an error in judgment.

The following rules have been formulated and will be operative in the recording of Marks:

I. The Mark is to be drawn (not pasted) within the circle and letters in the keystone. A written description is not a recorded Mark.

II. The date when the brother received the Mark degree is to be stated in its proper place.

III. A description of the Mark should be given in every instance, as it frequently occurs that the Mark is unintelligible without it.

IV. The first (or middle) name must be written in full, not initials.

V. Ink is to be used in all cases, and not lead pencil.

VI. Book should be indexed, for convenience of reference.

Following is a detailed report showing the membership of the several Chapters and Mark Lodges, on December 27, 1904, and the number of unrecorded Marks in each:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 23, 1905.

J. Henry Williams, Esq., M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—In accordance with your instruction I have examined the Books of Marks of the various Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges in this Jurisdiction, compared them with the Lists of Members in good standing on St. John's Day, December 27, 1904, and beg leave to report as follows:

Number of Mark Lodges, 3; Membership, 598; Unrecorded Marks, 164.

Number of Royal Arch Chapters, 127; Membership, 23,869; Unrecorded Marks, 2,973.

The above is more fully set forth, in detail, in the accompanying pages of this report.

The Books of Marks of the following named Royal Arch Chapters have not been examined, viz.:

Tamaqua, No. 177, Tamaqua, Penna.; blank book used as a Book of Marks.

Urania, No. 192, Greensburg, Penna.; blank book used as a Book of Marks.

Pittston, No. 242, Pittston, Penna.; Book of Marks has disappeared; Secretary unable to locate it.

Westfield, No. 265, Westfield, Penna.; blank book used as a Book of Marks.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. ANDERSON.

R. A. CHAPTERS.

* Not examined. † Mark book lost. ‡ Not reported.

No.	Name.	Place of Meeting.	Member-ship.	Unrecorded Marks.	Prev. Rep'd.
3	Jerusalem,	Philadelphia,	423	60	74
21	Perseverance,	Harrisburg,	193	44	
43		Lancaster,	284	14	
52	Harmony,	Philadelphia,	1141	243	224
91	Columbia,	Philadelphia,	567	72	96
150	Washington,	Washington,	184		
152	Reading,	Reading,	223	54	
159	Schuylkill,	Minersville,	35	17	
161	Union,	Towanda,	213	4	9
162	Zerubbabel,	Pittsburg,	917	22	16
163	LaFayette,	Lock Haven,	111	68	
164	Brownsville,	Brownsville,	115	14	7
165	Union,	Uniontown,	191	36	2
166	Mount Moriah,	Hollidaysburg,	91	23	
167	Eureka,	Rochester,	99	1	3
169	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	234	26	36
170	Delta,	New Castle,	238	2	
171	St. John's,	Carlisle,	103	6	2
172	Temple,	Tunkhannock,	92	42	18
173	Easton,	Easton,	216	9	27
174	Northumberland,	Sunbury,	58	17	2
175	Keystone,	Philadelphia,	488	12	49
176	Geo. Washington,	Chambersburg,	83	19	5
177	Tamaqua,	Tamaqua,	52	*	5
178	Catawissa,	Catawissa,	22	20	
179	Eureka,	Carbondale,	108	38	14

No.	Name.	Place of Meeting.	Member-ship.	Unrecorded Marks.	Prev. Rep'd.
180	Warren,	Montrose,	31	2	6
181	Lily,	Mauch Chunk,	117	36	13
182	Shekinah,	Wilkes-Barre,	310	11	7
183	Oriental,	Philadelphia,	1138	89	67
185	Lackawanna,	Scranton,	318		
186	Lewistown,	Lewistown,	77	8	3
187	Oriental,	Conneautville,	60	3	3
189	Mountain,	Altoona,	295	118	14
190	Norristown,	Norristown,	348	7	5
191	Solomon,	Meadville,	77		3
192	Urania,	Greensburg,	244	*	5
193	Duquesne,	Pittsburgh,	688	45	43
194	Tioga,	Wellsboro,	63	20	10
195	Portage,	Johnstown,	159	6	7
196	Mountain City,	Pottsville,	122	39	39
197	Weidle,	Lebanon,	124	48	5
198	Phœnix,	Phœnixville,	172	60	21
199	Howell,	York,	183	4	2
200	Columbus,	Corry,	87	14	15
201	Standing Stone,	Huntingdon,	85	33	3
202	Howell,	West Chester,	85	17	2
203	Allen,	Allentown,	195	13	3
204	Anthony Wayne,	Honesdale,	57	3	7
205	Factoryville,	Factoryville,	58	16	†
206	Harmony,	Beaver Falls,	100	4	1
207	Aaron,	Titusville,	55		
208	Germantown,	Germantown, Phila.,	211	35	39
209	Samuel C. Perkins,	Mechanicsburg,	65	3	2
210	Great Bend,	Great Bend,	29	4	2
211	Venango,	Franklin,	182	36	48
212	Mound,	Greenville,	129	19	16
214	Valley,	Plymouth,	91	23	5
215	Temple,	Erie,	247	13	1
216	Zinzendorf,	Bethlehem,	105	8	6
217	Allegheny,	Allegheny,	705	51	
218	Bloomsburg,	Bloomsburg,	65	14	4
219	Griscom,	Ashland,	84	2	2
220	Fort Washington,	Fort Washington,	38	3	4
221	Tremont,	Tremont,	63	50	
222	Lycoming,	Williamsport,	280	23	9
223	Oxford,	Oxford,	74	43	5
224	Corinthian,	Columbia,	104		

No.	Name.	Place of Meeting.	Member-ship.	Unrecorded Marks.	Prev. Rep'd.
225	Jefferson,	Brookville,	214		
226	Siloam,	Frankford, Phila.,	212	15	25
227	Emporium,	Emporium,	71	7	
228	Clearfield,	Clearfield,	169	1	1
230	Elk,	Ridgway,	119	3	5
232	St. John,	Philadelphia,	284	75	61
233	Kensington,	Philadelphia,	500	113	64
234	Media,	Media,	83	2	5
235	Occidental,	Warren,	120	22	14
236	Oil City,	Oil City,	125	66	
237	Excelsior,	Reading,	422	21	13
238	Newport,	Newport,	57	7	
239	Danville,	Danville,	58	5	4
240	Palestine,	Philadelphia,	428	75	21
241	Bellefonte,	Bellefonte,	88	43	17
242	Pittston,	Pittston,	111	*	17
243	T. B. Freeman,	Philadelphia,	689	130	95
244	Norman,	Sharon,	123	2	
245	Abington,	Jenkintown,	72	25	8
246	Warrior Run,	Watsontown,	90	10	
247	Orient,	Kittanning,	157	19	36
248	Temple,	Philadelphia,	194	4	16
249	Monongahela,	Monongahela,	179	55	1
250	Corinthian,	Philadelphia,	303	52	83
251	Signet,	Philadelphia,	110	43	8
252	Mizpah,	Mahanoy City,	85	17	7
254	Arnold,	Port Allegheny,	29	6	
255	Bedford,	Bedford,	68	27	24
256	University,	Philadelphia,	355	63	71
257	Shiloh,	Pittsburgh,	553	6	2
258	Chester,	Chester;	278	56	75
259	Eden,	Clarion,	110	7	
260	Bradford,	Bradford,	282	16	5
261	Troy,	Troy,	67	30	7
262	Montgomery,	Ardmore,	151	2	2
263	Coudersport,	Coudersport,	65	2	2
264	Shamokin,	Shamokin,	84	2	3
265	Westfield,	Westfield,	39	*	2
266	Good Samaritan,	Gettysburg,	96	20	3
267	Coatesville,	Coatesville,	98	22	
268	Pittsburgh,	Pittsburgh,	361	8	10
269	Ulysses,	Ulysses,	35	8	14

No.	Name.	Place of Meeting.	Member-ship.	Unrecorded Marks.	Prev. Rep'd.
270	Doylestown,	Doylestown,	87		
271	Pottstown,	Pottstown,	135		1
272	Hebron,	Meyersdale,	64	8	3
273	Butler,	Butler,	158	3	8
274	Bangor,	Bangor,	60	4	4
275	Kennett,	Kennett Square,	48	26	
276	Susquehanna,	Susquehanna,	63	16	2
277	Hazleton,	Hazleton,	131	7	
278	Catasauqua,	Catasauqua,	104	7	7
279	Kane,	Kane,	64		
280	Cyrus,	Carnegie,	174	1	18
281	Monroe,	Stroudsburg,	94	8	13
282	McKeesport,	McKeesport,	286	8	
283	Connellsville,	Connellsville,	80	2	3
284	Melita,	Philadelphia,	184	2	
285	Wilkinsburg,	Wilkinsburg,	116		‡
286	Bellevue,	Bellevue,	86	8	‡
	Totals.....		23,869	2,973	1,796

Mark Lodges.

91	Columbia,	Philadelphia,	229	51	57
214	Girard,	Philadelphia,	213	69	64
216	Excelsior,	Philadelphia,	156	44	
	Totals.....		598	164	121

Summary.

Number of Mark Lodges.....	3
Books of Marks examined.....	3
Number of R. A. Chapters.....	127
Books of Marks examined.....*	123
Number of Reports written (Chapter No. 43 two Reports).....	127
Membership R. A. Chapters.....	23,869
Unrecorded Marks.....	2,973
Membership of Mark Lodges.....	598
Unrecorded Marks.....	164
Letters written,.....	514
Letters received.....	237

* Books of Marks not examined, viz.:
Tamaqua, No. 177, Tamaqua, Pa.; blank book used as a Book of Marks.
Urania, No. 192, Greensburg, Pa.; blank book used as a Book of Marks.
Pittston, No. 242, Pittston, Pa.; Book of Marks has disappeared.
Westfield, No. 265, Westfield, Pa.; blank book used as a Book of Marks.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

In March last I called a meeting of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, for the purpose of conferring with them as to what was most needed in each district to increase the activity of the members and benefit the Chapters. This meeting was attended by all the D. D. G. H. Priests except one, and has resulted in much good.

Each Deputy in turn advised with me as to the needs of his district; and our efforts throughout the year have been directed to supply those needs, by visitations, instruction, counsel and advice.

These officers are well equipped, diligent in the discharge of their duties, and deserve and receive the highest commendation for their faithful and intelligent labors.

I accepted the resignation of Companion Joseph J. Lingle, Deputy of the Fourteenth District, on account of his removal to Wisconsin.

Two of the present Deputies have requested for personal reasons to be relieved of further service.

Conclusion.

The year has been all too short for the work in hand. It has been one of pleasure as well as labor, and its pleasure has not been marred by the passing away of any of our official family.

To-night we stand upon the threshold of a New Year. What it may bring forth none of us can tell.

A year ago I said our efforts would be directed to build up Capitular Masonry, wherein is taught sublime truths and living principles which if practiced may well tend to make the world better for our having been in it.

Capitular Masonry is not a mere stepping stone to qualify a candidate to receive degrees in other bodies. It is a sys-

tem of Masonry that can well stand by itself—a useful adjunct in life's work.

When we consider the lessons of charity, concord, unity, fervency, zeal and purity therein taught, our hearts should burn within us in the desire to be alive to the opportunities; to so live that every moment should be devoted to that most noble work of making happy the lives of others, particularly those bound to us by the sacred ties of Capitular Masonry.

Let us renew our vows and strive as to who can best work in the vineyard, and at last have the satisfaction of knowing that our duty has been fully performed.

I cannot close this report without publicly expressing my acknowledgment to all who have aided me in the work, and particularly to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary—a fountain of knowledge and wisdom to whom one never turns in vain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the present Masonic year, beginning this day:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The County of Philadelphia will be under the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. J. Henry Williams.

1. Companion Winfield S. Bell, of Pittsburgh, for the Counties of Allegheny, Washington and Greene, except Chapters No. 217, 282 and 286, of Allegheny County, and No. 249, of Washington County.

2. Companion George C. Johnstone, of Allegheny City, for the Counties of Beaver and Butler, and Chapters No. 217 and 286, of Allegheny County.

3. Companion William Nagel, of McKeesport, for the Counties of Fayette, Westmoreland and Somerset, and

Chapters No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 282, of Allegheny County.

4. Companion John B. Sprenkel, of York, for the Counties of Lancaster, Adams and York.

5. Companion Fred M. Smith, of Chester, for the County of Delaware, and Chapter No. 223, of Chester County.

6. Companion Thomas J. Parmley, of Carlisle, for the Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin and Perry.

7. Companion Joseph C. Egbert, of Wayne, for Chapters No. 190, 262 and 271, of Montgomery County, and No. 198, of Chester County.

8. Companion Albert R. Hoover, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon.

9. Companion Peter K. Filbert, of Pottsville, for the County of Schulykill.

10. Companion Allen S. Heckman, of Catasauqua, for the Counties of Lehigh and Carbon, and Chapter No. 216, of Northampton County.

11. Companion Henry L. Moore, of Wilkes-Barre, for the County of Luzerne, an C apter No. 172, of Wyoming County.

12. Companion T. Morris Cuddy, of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford, Sullivan and Tioga.

13. Companion Charles E. Cooper, of Oil City, for the Counties of Warren, Venango and Forest.

15. Companion George W. Vernes, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Clearfield, Centre, Cameron and Elk, and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

16. Companion William F. Shay, of Watsontown, for the County of Northumberland.

17. Companion Martin L. Shaffner, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Mifflin, Bedford, Huntingdon, Juniata, Fulton, Cambria and Blair.

18. Companion Peter Barkey, of Erie, for the Counties of Erie and Crawford.

19. Companion John C. Wallace, of New Castle, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence.

20. Companion John W. Farnsworth, of Danville, for the Counties of Montour and Columbia.

21. Companion Cyrus H. Blood, of Brookville, for the Counties of Jefferson, Clarion and Armstrong.

22. Companion Ellis H. Doan, of Coatesville, for the County of Chester, except Chapter No. 198, at Phœnixville, and Chapter No. 223, at Oxford.

24. Companion Burgoyne Rayton, of Doylestown, for Bucks County, and Chapters Nos. 220 and 245, of Montgomery County.

25. Companion William S. Semple, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe, except Chapter No. 216, at Bethlehem.

26. Companion Reuben A. Zimmerman, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

27. Companion Walton K. Swetland, of Coudersport, for the Counties of McKean and Potter, except Chapter No. 279, at Kane.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, of Clarion.
Comp. Rev. Thompson P. Ege, of Oaks.
Comp. Rev. Charles M. Stock, D.D., of Hanover.
Comp. Rev. William B. Chalfant, D.D., of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Will H. Hiller, of Honesdale.
Comp. Rev. Horace F. Fuller, of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Richard H. Wharton, of Hastings.
Comp. Rev. Robert C. Bowling, of Kittanning.

Comp. Rev. William B. Wood, D.D., of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. J. Gray Bolton, D.D., of Philadelphia.
Comp. Rev. Charles H. Bond, of Norwood.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. Daniel W. Hutchin, of Chapter No. 52.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. Samuel Laughlin, of Chapter No. 232.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. John C. Taylor, of Chapter No. 250.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. George W. Kuebler, of Chapter No. 189.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. William J. Diehl, of Chapter No. 268

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Chapter No. 240.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. George B. Wells, of Chapter No. 52.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. Frank W. Martenis, of Chapter No. 216.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. George Hale, of Chapter No. 226.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. Frank M. Highley, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. William B. Joslyn, of Chapter No. 175.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. James S. Barber, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. H. Oscar Kline, P. G. H. P.
In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

M. E. Comp. Alexander H. Morgan, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Comp. Michael W. Jacobs, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. George W. Hall,
Comp. Adam H. Schmehl,
Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith.

Committee on Finance.

M. E. Comp. Ezra S. Bartlett, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. M. Richards Mucklé,
Comp. Charles W. Packer,
Comp. William M. Donaldson,
Comp. Jacob W. Jackson.

Committee on By-Laws.

M. E. Comp. Edgar A. Tennis, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. Stephen H. Appleton,
Comp. Joseph M. Wiatt,
Comp. John E. Poore,
Comp. Joseph W. Kenworthy.

Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. Stockton Bates,
Comp. Thomas F. Penman,
Comp. Robert E. Umbel,
Comp. James W. Hughes.

Committee on Charity.

M. E. Comp. Edward B. Spencer, P. G. H. P.,
Comp. Samuel Diemer,
Comp. Joseph H. Brown,
Comp. Daniel Baird,
Comp. Francis J. Callahan.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. Louis M. Wagner,
Comp. James W. R. Washington,
Comp. Alexander McCune,
Comp. Frank E. Townsend,
Comp. Robert F. Mustin, Jr.

Instructors.

Comp. Daniel W. Hutchin,
Comp. S. E. Burke Kinsloe,
Comp. J. Waelder McMullen,
Comp. Fred Paul Sher,
Comp. Charles H. Bond.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JOHN KIRKPATRICK, Past Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died September 21, 1905.

M. E. Companion Luke A. Lockwood, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut. Died November 20, 1905.

Appropriate and interesting addresses were made by the several distinguished visiting Companions from the Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey.

The Grand Secretary appointed Companion Stockton Bates Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion J. Henry Williams, addressed Grand Chapter as follows :

Companions:—Before we part to-night I want to wish for you for the coming year of 1906 what to me are the two greatest things in life—Health and Happiness. Possessions, power, wealth, intellect—none of them compare with the two I have named; and so I wish you all Health and Happiness, and ask you to go out of this Chapter Hall with the firm intention, by your acts, your efforts, your words, your deeds, to strengthen the ties that bind us together and make Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction a word that symbolizes, stands for, and represents all that is good in manhood and much that is good in Masonry.

Let it be the keystone of the Arch, let it be the capstone as well, and let the cement of friendship, love and affection

bind us together by ties that cannot be broken even by the coming of death—ties that may exist throughout all eternity.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty-five minutes P.M.

CHARLES CARY,

Grand Secretary

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

1795, William Ball.†
1796—1797, William Moore Smith.†
1798—1802, Jonathan Bayard Smith.†
1802—1805, Israel Israel.†
1806—1813, James Milnor.†
1814, Richard Tybout.†
1815, Samuel F. Bradford.†
1816—1817, Walter Kerr.†
1818—1821, Bayse Newcomb.†
1822—1823. Josiah Randall.†
1824—1825, Michael Nisbet.†
1826, John Steele, Jr.†
1827, Tristram B. Freeman.†
1828, Joseph S. Riley.†
1829—1831, John M. Read.†
1832—1833, Samuel H. Perkins.†
1834, Enos S. Gandy.†
1835, John Y. Black.†
1836—1840, Joseph R. Chandler.†
1841—1842, Alexander Diamond.†
1843—1844, William Whitney.†
1845—1846, William Barger.†
1847, John McGrath.†
1848, John J. Krider.†
1849, James Simpson.†

†Deceased.

1850—1851, David C. Skerrett.†
1852—1853, Edward P. Lescure.†
1854, Anthony Bournonville.†
1855—1856, Harman Baugh.†
1857, John C. Smith.†
1858—1859, Daniel Thompson.†
1860, Benjamin Parke.†
1861, Harman Yerkes.†
1862—1863, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.
1864—1865, George W. Wood.†
1866—1867, Samuel C. Perkins.†
1868—1869, George Griscom.†
1870—1871, Michael Nisbet.†
1874—1875, Andrew Robeno, Jr.†
1876, George E. Wagner.†
1877—1878, Alfred R. Potter.†
1879—1880, William C. Hamilton.
1881—1882, Hibbert P. John.
1883—1884, Augustus R. Hall.†
1885—1886, George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1887—1888, Matthias H. Henderson.
1889—1890, James S. Barber.
1891—1892, Alexander H. Morgan.
1893—1894, Edgar A. Tennis.
1895—1896, Ezra S. Bartlett.
1897—1898, Richard M. Johnson.†
1899—1900. Michael W. Jacobs.
1901—1902, Edward B. Spencer.
1903—1904, H. Oscar Kline.
1905, J. Henry Williams.

†Deceased.

Our Dead.

"They are out of the chaos of living,
The wreck and débris of the years;
They have passed from the struggle and striving,
They have finished their goblet of tears;
They have ceased, one by one, from their labors,
So we clothed them in garments of rest,
And they entered the Chamber of Silence—
God do for them now what is best."

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased.

DAVID K. RUDY	Chapter No.	21	Aug. 28, 1905
PETER K. SPRENKEL	" "	21	Oct. 20, 1905
HENRY E. SLAYMAKER	" "	43	Sept. 1, 1905
WILLIAM COLEMAN	" "	52	Mar. 22, 1905
HOWARD MARCH	" "	52	June 7, 1905
JOHN CONWAY	" "	167	Nov. 20, 1905
T. ELWOOD ZELL	" "	169	Mar. 1, 1905
THOMAS S. STOUT	" "	169	Mar. 22, 1905
WILLIAM R. BAILLIE	" "	171	Feb. 24, 1905
SAMUEL R. CLAUDY	" "	171	Mar. 19, 1905
JOHN W. THOMAS	" "	177	Sept. 1, 1905
WILLIAM W. WEAVER	" "	181	Aug. 23, 1905
LEVI B. McCLEES	" "	183	Sept. 3, 1905
JOSEPH H. HEDGES	" "	183	Sept. 13, 1905
JOHN C. RICHARDSON	" "	190	July 29, 1905
JEROME B. NILES	" "	194	Dec. 29, 1904
WILBER E. BEACHEY	" "	195	Nov. 18, 1905
JAMES R. HENDERSON	" "	196	Dec. 12, 1905
R. NELL SEAVER	" "	200	Apr. 3, 1905
W. ANDREW LEONARD	" "	201	Feb. 18, 1905
JOHN BLAIN, JR	" "	201	Apr. 14, 1905
R. ALLISON MILLER	" "	201	Oct. 24, 1905
JAMES B. RAYNER	" "	202	Sept. 30, 1905
GEORGE M. BERTOLET	" "	203	Aug. 3, 1905
JAMES C. BECKEL	" "	208	Feb. 7, 1905
ALEXANDER KINNIER	" "	208	Mar. 9, 1905
ELIAS M. FIRTH	" "	208	Mar. 12, 1905
WILBER F. MYERS	" "	211	Oct. 3, 1905

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased.

CALVIN R. BEATTY	Chapter No. 212	June	10, 1905
ISAAC M. MASK	" " 214	Apr.	15, 1905
DAVID A. DAVIS	" " 214	Sept.	16, 1905
LEWIS W. SNYDER	" " 216	Aug.	3, 1905
RUDOLPH H. RINGLER	" " 218	Mar.	2, 1905
JOHN S. BUCHANAN	" " 220	Jan.	19, 1905
SOLOMON KAUFMAN	" " 225	Aug.	25, 1905
JACKSON HEBER	" " 225	Oct.	23, 1905
JOHN G. SCHRYVER	" " 228	Aug.	26, 1905
RUFUS LUCORE	" " 230	Mar.	11, 1905
ELIAS R. CAREY	" " 232	May	4, 1905
MARTIN V. B. DAVIS	" " 240	Oct.	6, 1905
ISAAC E. LA BARRE	" " 242	June	1, 1905
HENRY EULER	" " 243	Feb.	6, 1905
LOUIS BUCHHOLZ	" " 244	Nov.	4, 1905
JOSEPH A. SHOEMAKER	" " 245	Oct.	10, 1905
JOHN F. HEILMAN	" " 247	May	28, 1905
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND	" " 248	Nov.	20, 1905
FRANK H. GARDINER	" " 251	Mar.	4, 1905
JOSEPH H. VAN HORN	" " 251	May	25, 1905
HARRY L. TREES	" " 257	Aug.	12, 1905
WILLIAM R. WEAVER	" " 260	Mar.	19, 1905
EDGAR C. HUMPHREYS	" " 262	Apr.	2, 1905
ALBERT L. HARVEY	" " 269	Apr.	18, 1905
THOMAS F. HARVEY	" " 273	May	3, 1905
ROBERT J. PHIPPS	" " 273	Dec.	9, 1905
JOHN W. LARRABEE	" " 276	Apr.	3, 1905
GEORGE A. CARSTEN	" " 280	June	1, 1905

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Correspondence.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Correspondence, in the following pages, submit their annual report. The proceedings as they have been received have been distributed to the following members of the Committee for review:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, England,	Matthias H. Henderson, P.G.H.P.
Florida, General Grand Chapter, Georgia, Illinois, Indian Territory, Indiana, Iowa, Ireland, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana,	Stockton Bates.

Maine,	Thomas F. Penman.
Maryland,	
Massachusetts,	
Michigan,	
Minnesota,	
Mississippi,	
Missouri,	
Montana,	
Nebraska,	
Nevada,	
New Brunswick,	
New Hampshire,	Robert E. Umbel.
New Jersey,	
New Mexico,	
New York,	
North Carolina,	
North Dakota,	
Nova Scotia,	
Ohio,	
Oregon,	
Quebec,	
Rhode Island,	
Scotland,	
South Carolina,	James W. Hughes.
South Dakota,	
Tennessee,	
Texas,	
Vermont,	
Victoria,	
Virginia,	
Washington,	
West Virginia,	
Wisconsin,	

ALABAMA.

This Grand Chapter held its Seventy-eighth Annual Grand Convocation in the city of Montgomery, beginning Monday, December 5, 1904, M. E. Comp. Charles R. Bricken, Grand High Priest, present and presiding.

In his address the Grand High Priest stated that they had enjoyed a steady and healthy growth during the past year and from all sections of the State reports came indicating that much interest was manifested, not only in gaining desirable accessions to the membership, but also in the manner of conferring the degrees and attending to the business affairs of the Chapters. A spirit of perfect harmony prevailed and during the year just passed he had been called upon to make but four decisions, which were as follows:

"1. A subordinate Chapter may receive and act upon the petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge, even though said Lodge may be in a foreign country.

"2. A brother Master Mason residing in this State, but who resides more contiguous to a Chapter in an adjoining jurisdiction, and who desires to petition for the degrees to the Chapter nearest his residence, may do so upon first obtaining permission from the Chapter in this State having jurisdiction, and by securing from said Chapter a waiver of its jurisdiction.

"3. In construing the decision contained in the Grand Royal Arch Digest, page 29, as to a candidate whose application for the degrees has been rejected, the inquiry being whether or not it is applicable to a Companion Royal Arch Mason whose petition for affiliation has been rejected by a Chapter. That is, must a Companion wait twelve months before he can renew his petition for affiliation. I held that such decision has no reference to a Companion who simply makes a petition for affiliation; and I held that a Companion whose petition for affiliation has been rejected, may renew his petition at any subsequent convocation of the Chapter, and may continue to apply as long as he chooses. Each petition must, however, take the same course as the original petition.

"4. A Chapter has a right to make a by-law fixing the time which must elapse before one rejected for affiliation may renew his petition. But in the absence of such by-law, it may be renewed at any time."

The question of recognizing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia came before the Grand Chapter, and after some preliminary action, was finally referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with instructions to correspond with the Grand Chapters of England

and Scotland, and with the General Grand Chapter to ascertain as to the regularity of the said Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

A resolution offered that a Royal Arch Mason who dimits from a Master Mason's Lodge and remains unaffiliated of his own volition for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason, was lost. We have a similar regulation, but with us the limit is six months.

Companion William Yates Titcomb is again the writer of the Report on Correspondence in which Pennsylvania receives five pages of fraternal notice. He extends a glad welcome to the writer upon his return to the reviewers' table. Such words of praise and kindly greeting from such a source impress him deeply and make him think that indeed he has not written in vain.

He again introduces the subject of substitutes and makes this inquiry:

"Companion, when you exalt 'one candidate' or 'two candidates,' how does that act conform to the requirement—*Three, no more, no less?*"

We can give him no better or more comprehensive reply to this than to refer him to our own words which he quotes before he asks the question.

The volume contains a portrait and biographical sketch of the retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. Charles R. Bricken.

Basil M. Hill, Springville, M. E. Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, R. E. Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

ARIZONA.

A pamphlet of about fifty pages comes to us containing the proceedings of this Grand Chapter at its Fifteenth Annual

Convocation held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Tucson, on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of November, 1904.

M. E. Anthony Arthur Johns, Grand High Priest, presided. The representatives of six chartered Chapters and a number of Past High Priests were present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and relates entirely to domestic matters, being a resume of his official acts, which were not many. He reports one decision which was made in accordance with the Constitution of his Grand Chapter.

He constituted one new Chapter and made two Grand Visitations.

There are seven Chapters and the Grand Secretary reported that all had made their reports and paid their dues within the time prescribed by the regulations of the Grand Chapter.

The financial condition is good, the balance being $2,099.87.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported through its Chairman, M. E. Comp. Morris Goldwater, that it had received copies of their proceedings from all the Grand Chapters with which the Grand Chapter of Arizona is in fraternal correspondence. No extended review of them had been prepared, for while the Committee fully appreciated the value of such a review to the reader, it was of the opinion that until funds were more ample it would be wiser to be economical in the use of printer's ink.

In the matter of the recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, the Committee found itself without any data on which to act except the letter of Comp. H. B. Joseph, G. S. E. The Committee found mention therein of degrees unknown to it, over which the Australian Grand Chapter assumed control. The Committee presumed the regularity of the Supreme Grand Chapter, but be-

lieved it wiser to delay action on its request for recognition until the next Annual Convocation.

On motion the report was received and the recommendations approved.

The salary of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. George J. Roskruge, was increased from $150 to $200 per annum.

The proceedings are embellished with a portrait and obituary of Past Grand High Priest Companion James Davidson Monihon.

M. E. John Joseph Sweeney, Phœnix, Grand High Priest.

R. E. George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

CALIFORNIA.

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at San Francisco, commencing Tuesday, April 18, 1905, and terminating the following day. M. E. Charles Lewis Patton, Grand High Priest, whose portrait is presented, presided.

There being seventy-one chartered Chapters represented, and delegates present from five under dispensation, the Grand Chapter was opened in *ample form* with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and music by the Choir under the direction of Comp. Samuel D. Mayer, who was serving the Grand Chapter in his thirty-third year as its Grand Organist and Musical Director.

In his opening address the Grand High Priest remarked the coincidence that as Grand Master of Masons of California he presided over the fifty-first Convocation of that Grand Body, and was now as Grand High Priest presiding over the fifty-first Convocation of the Grand Chapter. He quoted as follows from his address as Grand Master in 1900 as being equally appropriate on the present occasion:

"To-day we have the privilege of contemplating the completed work of fifty years, marked by the untiring efforts of those who have labored unselfishly in the field of Masonry for our benefit. They have ever been sowing the seeds of prosperity and brotherly kindness, and we, to-day, reap the full benefit of their labors. This half century has indeed been one of profit and benefit to the Craft, and mankind in general."

He notices the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Thomas Flint and Lewis Cass Wittenmyer.

He states that there has been a net gain in membership of nine hundred in the past year, a larger gain than any one year had ever shown.

He constituted one new Chapter and organized four under dispensation.

He granted three dispensations, two to ballot on petitions in less than the statutory time, and the other to use two substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree.

He made four decisions, only the first two of which interest us. They are as follows:

"(1) The Chapter may remit all the dues or any part of the dues owing from a suspended Companion and proceed to reinstate him."

"(2) There is no law of this Grand Chapter or of the General Grand Chapter prohibiting the election and exaltation of a hotel-keeper or dealer in spirituous liquors."

He is of an economical disposition, as the following extract will show:

"We have been paying our Grand Treasurer a salary for many years. This seems to me to be quite unnecessary, and it must be a distasteful thing to the incumbent to receive pay for holding a purely honorary position. Any bank or trust company in San Francisco would be willing to care for the funds of this Grand Chapter, and pay interest for the privilege of doing so, and would furnish a written statement to the Grand Treasurer, which he might adopt as his report. I recommend that his salary be discontinued, or that it be reduced to the nominal sum of $1 per annum, should it be thought that the Constitution requires some salary to be paid. I believe it my plain duty to recommend this saving."

We are pleased to note that the Grand Chapter refused to adopt this recommendation, and the Grand Treasurer will continue to receive his salary of one hundred dollars per annum.

He ruled that no liquor could be served at any banquet which was held at the close of a Chapter meeting or during the same. He thus ruled because he believed it his plain duty to carry out the intent of a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter irrespective of the question as to whether he agreed with the principle involved or not.

The resolution referred to is as follows:

"*Resolved,* That henceforth the use of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors by Chapters of this Jurisdiction be and the same is hereby prohibited."

He expresses his disapproval of this resolution in language so clear, so forcible, and in such entire harmony with the spirit of Free Masonry that we quote him in full, for we could not abridge what he says without destroying much of its force and marring the connection of his sentences.

Coming just at this time, when the liquor question is agitating some of our friends, it seems to be apt and timely, and we hope he will be carefully read and considered. He says:

"I am absolutely and unalterably opposed to any regulation of this kind. I do not believe that any Masonic body should assume to interfere with the use of liquors by its members, either when assembled at a banquet of the Chapter, or at any other time. Masonry does not teach total abstinence. Masonry does teach temperance, which it enjoins upon its members as one of the cardinal virtues, but it defines temperance 'as that due restraint upon the passions which renders the body tame and governable.' It might clearly be shown that, symbolically, at least, Masonry draws many beautiful lessons from the use of wine. In the ritual it repeatedly refers to the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Wine is also used in Masonry when corner-stones are laid. It is likewise used when Lodges are constituted, and nowhere is its temperate use prohibited. I cannot understand, for my part, the frame

of mind of that man who assumes, be it as a Mason or otherwise, to dictate to his fellowmen just what they should eat or drink. I do not believe that legislation of this kind was justified by any abuse of liquor in the Chapter Hall, nor is it warranted in a governing body organized by Companions who, being of lawful age, have voluntarily associated themselves together for such purposes as have Royal Arch Masons. We must at least give our Companions the benefit of the doubt, and say that, being men of lawful years, they have become freed from the frivolities of childhood, and are able to govern themselves without dictation by anyone as to what they shall lawfully eat or drink or do during the hours of refreshment at the meetings of their subordinate Chapters, or elsewhere. I will not be misunderstood here, because I apprehend that some of my Companions who assume the other view will attempt to misconstrue my remarks. To them I would say: You, my Companions, are entitled to your opinion. I demand and will have the right to use my own judgment in these matters. Nothing I say here can or should be construed into any approval of the vice of intemperance. Did I believe that among men of lawful age and carefully selected as our Companions are, the use of liquor at any banquet of any Chapter would cause even one to fall into the snares of intemperance, I would heartily concur in the maintaining in its full force the resolution we are discussing. I believe that such a result can never follow the use of liquor at a banquet. Ninety per cent. of the Companions in California, to the best of my judgment, take wine with their meals. To these the hour of refreshment is robbed of one-half its pleasure by the exclusion of the mild and harmless product of our marvelously productive vineyards. The banquet board becomes merely a place where the hungry are to be fed, and I do not believe that any of our Companions at the close of a Chapter are so hungry that they need feeding; they do not come to the banquet for this purpose. They assemble to enjoy themselves in an hour of relaxation. I am willing to go on record as saying, that rich food, eaten late at night at these banquets, troubles the digestive organs of the members more than wine will ever cause trouble, either to their digestion or their moral character. I believe that the resolution is doing harm rather than good in all the Chapters in California. Let us treat this matter Masonically. Should you see a Companion yielding to the insidious temptation of the wine cup, and becoming intemperate in his habits, gently, *but privately,* take him by the hand, whisper good counsel in his ear, and in the friendliest manner possible endeavor to bring about a reformation, but do not, I beg of you, attempt to perpetuate a blot upon our records by continuing a resolution whose very existence assumes that some of our Companions are not men of law-

ful age in the fullest sense of the word. Should you, however, differ with me in this regard, kindly accept my reference to this subject as the highest example I could give you of my loyalty in every fiber of my being to what I think is the best interest of Masonry. It would be pleasanter for me not to have said these things, but I leave them here as a record, and I honestly and firmly believe that our Companions will either now or in the near future appreciate fully the force and relevancy of these words. I pledge you now that whichever way the matter is decided, I will endeavor in the future, as in the past, to uphold the regulations you make, but should you decide to continue such a regulation, let it be couched in such language as will render it intelligible. Let the regulation simply say this: 'No Chapter shall expend any part of its funds for the purchase of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors.' This will end the matter, and stop quibbling about it."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which that portion of the address was referred, submitted both majority and minority reports, the majority report favoring the retention of the resolution, the minority report recommending a substitution, making it a Masonic offence for a Companion to appear in an intoxicated condition in Chapter or anywhere else. The Grand Chapter by a vote of 144 to 82 adopted the majority report and also the substitution.

The Grand Secretary acknowledged the receipt of the returns of all constituent Chapters, and was pleased to say that all were correct and the amount due promptly paid.

The Grand Treasurer reported assets to the amount of $48,672.37, and adds in italics, *"There are no liabilities."* Truly a comfortable state of affairs.

Companion William A. Davies again presents the Report on Correspondence. Like others of his which we have reviewed this is an intelligent resume of such topics as came under his observation, and is an interesting paper.

Pennsylvania is fraternally noticed in a review of four pages.

M. E. Thomas Flint, San Juan, Grand High Priest.
R. E. William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

CANADA.

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Masonic Hall, Temple Building, in the city of Toronto, Wednesday, January 25, 1905.

The Grand Zerubbabel, M. E. Companion Abraham Shaw, delivered an address of some length and of much interest. He reported that Capitular Masonry in Canada was in a flourishing condition and that a uniform system of work prevailed. In 1900 the Grand Chapter had upon its register one hundred Chapters with 6,215 members, the receipts from which were $3,390.00. In 1904 the Chapters had increased to one hundred and nineteen and the membership to 8,991, with receipts amounting to $5,821.10.

Referring to this increase he makes some very pertinent remarks. He said there were times when he feared they were too eager to fill the quarries with unskilled and inefficient workmen, making the price of the degrees so cheap that many enter to gratify a morbid curiosity or a mere selfish ambition. He reminded them that it was better by far to inculcate and maintain the almost priceless value, magnitude and glory of the truths incorporated in the degrees, so that worthy Masons, who understand the teachings, will alone seek admission and afterwards do good work for the upbuilding of the Order.

The above remarks are as applicable to Companions of other jurisdictions as they are to those of Canada.

To the writer, Comp. Shaw seems to have done his whole duty in the matter of official visitations, having made no less

than thirty-two, extending from Rat Portage on the east to Vancouver Island on the west, involving thousands of miles of travel. He speaks with earnest appreciation of the enthusiasm with which he was everywhere received, and the loyalty of the Companions to the Grand Chapter.

He also visited two Chapters of instruction, at which the degrees were exemplified in a manner which received his approval.

He granted dispensations to institute (*sic*) eleven new Chapters, seven of which were instituted by himself and the other four by the Grand Superintendents of the Districts in which they were located. The institution of St. Patrick's Chapter at Toronto is mentioned as something unique. After the installation of the officers, the officers of Occident Chapter assisted those of St. Patrick's in conferring the degree of Mark Master Mason upon one hundred and five candidates. To see this great number of strong, intelligent brethren surrounding the altar will be long remembered by those present.

He made several decisions, all of which would be considered orthodox in Pennsylvania.

The Grand Superintendents, eighteen in number, made exhaustive reports covering many pages of the Proceedings, of the condition of the Craft in their respective districts. These reports may be summarized in the following extracts from the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry. They say:

"The territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter is enormous. In the West especially, the Chapters are long distances apart, and, to cover the ground, Superintendents are obliged to make long journeys and suffer much inconvenience, as well as bear expense, in order to visit all the Chapters under their supervision. One of the Grand Superintendents reports that it required four days of his time to visit one of his Chapters, and another reports that he travelled 1,700 miles in order to visit the four

Chapters in his District. It will, therefore, be seen what sacrifices have to be made by these officers in order to perform duties which are largely a labor of love." * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

"The Committee finds that with scarcely an exception, the work appears to have been carefully and intelligently performed in every Chapter. In no case is any serious incapacity reported. Indeed, if the Committee has to base its opinion of the work done in the Chapters on the evidence afforded by the Grand Superintendents' reports, it would seem that a very high state of efficiency prevails throughout the jurisdiction, as, with scarcely an exception, the Principals are reported able to work all the degrees." * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

"The Committee regrets that in only a very few districts were Chapters of instruction held, the excuses for their absence being that the work was well done in all the Chapters. Whether the work is well or ill done, the holding of Chapters of instruction is of such a general benefit that the various Grand Superintendents should feel it to be a serious responsibility resting on them to have at least one Chapter of instruction in each of their districts during the term of their office. Perfection is difficult to attain, and even if attained, can be easily lost where there is absence of instruction and a cessation of that emulation that arises where different Chapters are working degrees in a Chapter of Instruction."

The business of the Grand Chapter was largely of a routine character, consisting principally of reports of Standing Committees, and requires no special mention.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again written by R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E. In his introduction he says:

"It is positively remarkable that in such a vast body, nearly three hundred thousand Companions, there is little or nothing to chronicle in the line of contentious rivalry and consequent litigation. When we were much less numerically, it was not always so. Can it be that human aspirations and frailties are softened by the lessons of the Royal Craft, and that its great mission is bearing a harvest of glorious results? If so, the great popularity of Masonry, which not a few writers fear, is, after all, a source of power and benefit rather than a sign of weakness."

His Report is a carefully written and very readable document. He still adheres to his belief in independent member-

ship, which in Pennsylvania is heterodox. On other subjects we are in general agreement with him.

He notices Pennsylvania in a review of nearly two pages.

M. E. Comp. William Roaf, K. C., Toronto, Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

M. H. H.

COLORADO, 1904.

The Thirtieth Annual Convocation was held in Denver, Thursday, September 22, 1904. M. E. Companion Cromwell Tucker, Grand High Priest, presided.

In his address he stated it to be apparent that the year had been a fairly prosperous one, the increase in membership being one hundred and twenty-five, with no report of financial embarrassment on the part of individual Chapters. The utmost peace and harmony seemed to prevail and it gratified him to be able to say that but two minor differences were brought to his attention, both of which were happily terminated by the exercise of brotherly love and consideration.

He constituted one new Chapter and issued a dispensation for another.

He speaks at some length on the subject of grand representatives and thinks he can see the possibility of great benefit being derived, not only by a continuation of the present system, but also by extending their sphere of usefulness. He thinks that if each representative were to make a report once a year to the Grand Chapter he represents, as soon as practicable after his attendance at his own Grand Chapter, giving a resume of the work accomplished and the legislation enacted, it would create an interest which would strengthen the bonds of amity already existing, and if his duties were increased along the

lines of the Consular service between nations, the system would become so useful that none would want to see it abandoned.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Zealand was recognized.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the various Standing Committees made satisfactory reports.

When we come to the Report on Correspondence, we encounter, as we expected to, and we would have been disappointed if we had not, the familiar name of P. G. H. P. Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster as its Chairman. We have reviewed many of his reports and generally agree with what he says. We must, though, take issue with him in his opinion expressed in his review of the District of Columbia concerning the proper way to open a Mark or Most Excellent Master's Lodge for work. We fully explained Pennsylvania's custom in a former report, but will repeat it. When we have work to do in the Mark or Most Excellent Master's degrees the Chapter is first opened. It is then closed in the "short way" and the required Lodge is opened. When the work is completed the Lodge is closed, the Chapter re-opened in the short way, and if no work is pending, it is finally closed for the evening in the regular way. A record of work done could doubtless be obtained without difficulty if no Chapter was opened, but the Chapter is the governing body to which the Warrant of constitution is issued, and when work is done under the sanction of that Warrant it is proper that the Chapter should be recognized.

Pennsylvania is kindly reviewed at some length and our opinions are approvingly quoted.

M. E. Comp. David R. Crosby, of Montrose, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Charles H. Jacobson, of Denver, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

COLORADO, 1905.

The Thirty-first Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 21. M. E. Companion Charles O. Unfug, elected Deputy Grand High Priest, who became Grand High Priest upon the death of M. E. David R. Crosby, which occurred October 30, 1904, about one month after his installation, presided and was installed at this Convocation. There was a large attendance of representatives from the constituent Chapters.

In his address the Grand High Priest pays suitable tribute to his predecessor, Companion Crosby, who died in office.

He reports no decisions, very few questions having been submitted to him. The law of the Grand Chapter is so well settled that all he had to do was to refer his questioners to the Constitution and By-Laws which was sufficient in all matters presented to him.

He reported a net gain in membership of one hundred and one; that all their constituent Chapters are prosperous, harmony and brotherly feeling prevailing; and that their intercourse with other jurisdictions is of the friendliest character.

He granted dispensations for the formation of three new Chapters and constituted one.

He made five official visitations to as many Chapters and would have visited more but was prevented by illness.

He made several recommendations, viz., that the compensation of the Grand Lecturer be fixed in accordance with the volume of work performed; that the Grand Treasurer be paid

a percentage upon all moneys received by him, and that the form of installation be printed and distributed to the Chapters.

The Finance Committee did not take the view of it that the Grand High Priest did, for in their report they did not deem it advisable to pay mileage and per diem to the Grand Lecturer, saying the matter could be adjusted at each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. In regard to paying a percentage on money received by the Grand Treasurer, they recommended that the same be not approved.

Their report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary made reports showing a cash balance of $3,043.77. All debts presumably paid.

The various Standing Committees made reports which contain nothing of interest to outsiders.

And now we come to the Report on Correspondence, where we again meet our old friend, Past Grand High Priest Ernest Le Neve Foster, who writes the Report. We always enjoy Companion Foster's Reports, and this year he presents us with a very readable one embracing forty-six Grand Chapters and covering one hundred and ten pages. It is not by the length of his reports, however, that we measure his ability as a reviewer. It is by the Masonic knowledge he displays, the fair and impartial manner with which he treats his material, and the courtesy with which he disagrees with what does not meet with his approval.

He treats most of the subjects at present under the notice of reviewers, and we do not see that he has changed his opinions in any particular. In most cases we agree with him. Where we disagree we have fully expressed ourself in former Reports.

Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice.

The volume is embellished with portraits and biographical notices of Grand High Priest Tyler D. Heiskell and Past Grand High Priest Charles O. Unfug.

M. E. Comp. Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held in New Haven Tuesday, May 9, 1905. M. E. Stephen P. Goodsell (portrait), Grand High Priest, presided.

In his address, which related entirely to domestic matters, he made two decisions.

In the first, which defined the standing in Connecticut Chapters of English Royal Arch Masons who had not received the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, his decision was in accordance with Pennsylvania usage upon the same subject.

In the second, the following question was submitted to him:

"Can a Chapter grant a certificate in lieu of a dimit, upon payment of back dues, to a Companion who has been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues and cannot regain membership by a clear ballot?"

His decision was that as their Regulations made no provision for such a certificate, one could not be granted.

The writer is pleased to note that the above was not approved; the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the question was referred, reporting that a Companion stricken from the roll and under no charges has a right to receive a certificate from the Chapter upon the payment of his dues, to the

effect that he was a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, free and clear of the books. This report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

In his address the Grand High Priest made two recommendations: the first being that once in every five years, beginning with the present year, their General, Particular and Miscellaneous Regulations be revised and brought up to date, including all decisions made, which are approved by the Grand Chapter.

The second was in relation to the Connecticut Masonic Home. He recommended that the Grand Chapter annually make a liberal donation toward its support.

He visited in all seventeen Chapters, which seems to have been his full share. In all but four there was work. He reported all in good condition, and while there was of necessity different degrees of proficiency in the work, he found all following the ritual closely and in hardly an instance was criticism necessary.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, made reports of their visits to such Chapters as had extended invitations to them to do so, which reports generally showed a satisfactory condition of affairs.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Auditors all made satisfactory reports. The interests of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut are well looked after by those who are in charge of its affairs, and it is in good condition both financially and Masonically.

The volume is embellished with portraits of Grand High Priest Goodsell, before mentioned; also of Companion Nelson G. Hinckley, deceased, who was a Trustee of the Grand Chapter for thirty-five years, and of Companion Charles W. Skiff, who was Grand High Priest in 1881.

P. G. H. P. John H. Barlow presents his twenty-eighth Annual Report on Correspondence. It is full of practical good sense, and if it was not for that stumbling block between us, public installations, we would be in full agreement with him. Upon that one subject we must agree to disagree.

Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice. Quoting our reply to Comp. Harrison, of Delaware, in which we told him that our Chapters are prohibited from advancing any but their own members, Companion Barlow asks, "Does this mean that to petition for the Chapter degrees the applicant must belong to a Lodge in Pennsylvania?" No, Companion Barlow, it does not mean that. It means that when a brother changes his residence and comes into a new locality in possession of one or more of the Chapter degrees, he cannot receive the remaining degrees unless he returns to the Chapter in which he started. Or he can resign from that Chapter and petition the Chapter nearest his residence. If received by it he is then one of its members and it can proceed to confer the remaining degrees upon him. He must belong to a Master Mason's Lodge and be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, but the location of the Lodge does not enter into the question.

M. E. Joseph R. Johnson, of Essex, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James McCormick, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

DELAWARE.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Wilmington, January 18, 1905. M. E. Companion J. Harmer Rile, Grand High Priest, presided.

All of the four Chapters which comprise the jurisdiction were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was largely statistical. During the year there were exalted, 47; affiliated, 2; died, 14; dimitted, 5; suspended, 11; net gain, 19.

The membership at the date of the previous Annual Convocation was 821, net gain of 19, leaving a present membership of 840. The Grand Chapter did not suffer any loss by death among its members.

He had but one recommendation to make, and that was, that the Grand Chapter consider the advisability of abolishing and eliminating the Past Master's degree from Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction of Delaware. His reasons for making this recommendation were that the Grand Lodge of Delaware had already taken a position on this mooted question, and while he was aware that the Grand Lodge had nothing to do with the degree as conferred in the Chapter, he was also of the opinion that the Chapter should have nothing to do with the Past Master's degree.

To that end he recommended that a Committee of five Past High Priests be appointed to consider the advisability of abolishing the Past Master's degree from Royal Arch Masonry in Delaware, and report to the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation.

The recommendation was approved of and the Committee appointed.

While we believe the above to be a step in the right direction, we fail to see how the Grand Chapter of Delaware can eliminate the degree from its system without dissolving its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. We shall observe the action of the Grand Chapter of Delaware on this question with much interest.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Committee on Finance show the Grand Chapter to be in good financial condition.

Past Grand High Priest, Companion Virginius V. Harrison, again presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he reviews forty-seven Proceedings. We are in general agreement with him. Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice, and for his cordial welcome to the writer in noticing his return to the reportorial corps he has our warmest and most appreciative thanks.

We quote from his conclusion:

"We have again arrived at the point in our labors when we can say, 'It is finished,' and we submit the result for your fraternal consideration. It has necessitated the reading of many hundreds of pages of printed matter, but with all there goes with the work a pleasure not to be found in any other work of a like nature. We feel that we are in touch with the entire Capitular world, and this of itself leads us to look forward anxiously for the volumes of proceedings that we know will be brought to our table, and from them learn what our Companions of other jurisdictions are doing."

"We have learned from them that the whole Capitular system is in a healthy, flourishing condition, adding to their numbers and finances, building homes for the aged and orphan and distributing charity through channels where it will be of the greatest service.

"We also note with satisfaction that it is rare for a Grievance Committee to have any work to report to the Grand Chapter; this speaks volumes. We note also that rulings or decisions on points of law by Grand High Priests are becoming less each year, showing a decided advancement by subordinate officers on matters of law. This is commendable, and we trust that still greater progress will be made along that line.

"Our work is before you and will go out to, and possibly be commented on by those tireless workers, the 'Knights of the Quill,' to whom and you we again say 'Au revoir.'"

A portrait of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion John Oliver, fronts the volume of proceedings.

M. E. John Oliver, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James H. Price, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This Grand Chapter held its Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation in Washington, February 8, 1905. M. E. Companion Augustus B. Coolidge, Grand High Priest (portrait), presided.

His address was very complete, embracing all his official acts during the year. He granted four dispensations to confer the degrees out of time, and to hold special elections of officers. His decisions seem to be founded on good Masonic law.

He made grand visitations to all the Chapters in the District, twelve in number. He reported the books of the several Secretaries and Treasurers to be in proper condition, and all the Chapters prosperous. At least three candidates have been exalted in each Chapter, and ten of the twelve Chapters had made a gain in membership. Four Chapters reported that all members had paid their dues in full, and in all but two the average indebtedness was less than the previous year, and the number suspended much less than previously reported. A material increase in membership was made, notwithstanding the fact that the losses by death were greater than ever before.

He witnessed the work in nearly all the Chapters and always found the ritual accurately and effectively rendered. The officers showed an intelligent conception of the meaning of the ritual, and the degrees were conferred in a manner calculated to impress the candidates with the lessons intended to be conveyed.

The business was mostly of a routine character. The officers and Standing Committees made satisfactory reports. The financial condition is of high character, and the Trustees recommended that one thousand dollars be added to the invested fund, which recommendation was agreed to.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication, dated September 7, 1904, from Companion Horace B. Joseph, Grand Scribe E., announcing the formation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia on June 15, 1904, and requesting the fraternal recognition of this Grand Chapter; also a communication, dated January 11, 1905, from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, protesting against such recognition. On motion the papers were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next Annual Communication.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand High Priest's address made several recommendations, among them one that each Chapter be required to appoint a committee, to be designated the Proficiency Committee, whose duty it shall be to instruct all candidates at the proper time in the work of the degrees, and that no candidate shall be advanced to the degree of Royal Arch until his proficiency in the preceding degrees shall be vouched for by the Proficiency Committee.

The recommendation was adopted and is now a regulation of the Grand Chapter. It would be a good regulation for any Grand Chapter to adopt.

Companion Arvine W. Johnston as usual writes the Report on Correspondence. What we said last year of his Report will apply to the one under review.

Concerning suspensions and restorations he quotes the writer as follows:

"If one of our Royal Arch Masons is suspended in his Lodge for non-payment of dues he is *ipso facto* suspended in his Chapter, and when reinstated in his Lodge is *ipso facto* reinstated to membership in his Chapter. When, however, the suspension or expulsion in the Lodge is for any other cause than non-payment of dues, which suspension or expulsion can only be removed by the Grand Chapter, the removal of such suspension or expulsion restores to good Masonic standing as a Royal Arch Mason, but not to membership."

Concerning this, Companion Johnston says:

"The latter part of this is a little blind to us. In what case can the Grand Chapter deal with a brother suspended or expelled from his Lodge except by following the Grand Lodge action? And why foist him on the Royal Craft at large and not upon an individual Chapter?"

What we should have said, and what we intended to say, was:

"When, however, the suspension or expulsion in the Lodge is for any other cause than non-payment of dues, which suspension or expulsion can only be removed by the Grand Lodge, etc."

We will here take occasion to state, in order to prevent misunderstanding, that non-payment of dues is never punished in Pennsylvania by expulsion, the severest penalty being suspension.

The failure to pay dues at the time specified in the By-Laws is a minor offence, generally the result of negligence and seldom premeditated. Our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, mindful of this, render the way back to membership as easy as possible by permitting the suspending Lodge or Chapter to restore directly to membership within one year. If the suspension or expulsion is for a more serious offence our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter reserve to themselves the right to restore to good Masonic standing. They do not "foist" him upon his former Lodge or Chapter, because the latter have a right to choose their own members and they may not want him. An exception to the above is when the punishment has been unlawfully inflicted, when the restoration is directly to membership.

We trust we have made the above plainer to Companion Johnston.

He speaks in the most complimentary terms of our Report,

for which we return our grateful acknowledgments and trust we will always deserve his commendation.

M. E. Henry K. Simpson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary.

M. H. H.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, assembled in its Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, May 9, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435.

M. E. Grand High Priest Louis C. Massey, who, by the way, is the Representative for Pennsylvania, delivered the annual address. This interesting document reports fully and ably the official acts of the Grand High Priest.

We learn from it that

"Article I, Section 22, of the Constitution permits the subordinate Chapters to elect their officers after the regular annual Convocation, if for any reason the election or the Convocation is not held."

Under the head of "Dispensations" we find the following:

"I refused a dispensation to Live Oak Chapter, No. 25, to permit it to confer the Chapter degrees on a brother who lives at Lake City, and consequently was within the jurisdiction of Providence Chapter, No. 20. This was a meritorious case, if there could be one under such circumstances. The brother was anxious to receive the degrees; Providence Chapter had not met in Convocation for a year, and as it seemed unlikely a quorum could be secured, the High Priest himself, was willing to further the brother's cause by joining in the application. Of course, under the Constitution, the dispensation could not be granted, but it is worthy of consideration, whether the Grand High Priest shall not be invested with the power to grant such a dispensation when a brother's laudable ambition for promotion in Masonry is barred by the neglect of a Chapter to hold its required Convocations. The law ought to exist for the benefit of active, not of negligent or moribund Chapters."

No stronger argument than the above could be used to show the wrong done by adherence to jurisdictional lines.

An applicant for the Degrees and Membership should have the privilege of applying to any Chapter for them. Nothing should bar him except a Masonic objection by the Chapter nearest his place of residence. Free agency is one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry which jurisdictional lines tend to abridge.

The *raison d' etre* of the law must surely have been only for the purpose of ascertaining the fitness of the candidate, by compelling his application to a Chapter near his place of residence where such fitness could be known. It most surely was not "for the benefit of active Chapters" by giving them the right to compel an applicant to apply to them or be deprived of advancement.

In Pennsylvania, one desirous of advancing in Freemasonry can apply to any Chapter in the Jurisdiction, but the Chapter receiving the application must inquire as to "Masonic objection" to the Chapter nearest his place of residence, and the limit of time when such objection can be established is prescribed by the Constitution.

Further on in the address we find the following:

"I regret also, to note that in the past few years many Companions seem to regard the Chapter Room at Convocations as proper place for smoking. I am no enemy of tobacco, but I confess that I never enter a Chapter where the air is filled with smoke, or see during every period of ease in the work a number of Companions light cigars, or perhaps pipes, without a feeling that they have not considered the incongruity of their action. In the progress of a ritual in which there are many prayers and invocations to the Almighty, it is surely only less irreverent to smoke than it would be in church, and it is also to be remembered that those to whom smoking is objectionable, of whom I am not one, are entitled to have their rights considered. Nor do I think that it tends to the candidate's proper perception of the true character of the degrees on which he

is entering, to have him introduced into a room which resembles a smoking room, rather than a consecrated Chapter Room of Royal Arch Masonry. I can remember when this practice was of rare occurrence, but it has been growing apace of late years, and I recommend, in order to maintain a high standard, that this Grand Chapter take action on the subject."

It most surely is an offence to smoke within tyled doors. The habit is of necessity a personal one and administers only to the selfish desires of the individual. Self-restraint is one of the lessons taught in Freemasonry. No one should indulge a habit without carefully studying first whether others might be inconvenienced thereby. And surely a "consecrated Chapter Room of Royal Arch Masonry" is not the place to exhibit selfishness of any sort. The incense on the altar in the Holy of Holies was surely not tobacco smoke.

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"Our net gain in membership during the year 1904 is 129, not quite as much as during the year 1903, but our Chapters seem to be generally prosperous, and all have made returns within the limit as per our regulations, and all have paid dues in full for 1904."

Olin S. Wright, Plant City, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Georgia met in the Eighty-third Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Macon, at 10 o'clock A.M, Wednesday, April 26, A.D. 1905.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Y. A. Wright, delivered his annual address, from which we learn of the fact that six dispensations were granted for new Chapters, showing that there is a decided growth in the good old State of Georgia.

From his rulings we submit the following:

"On January 5, 1905, I was asked: 'Is it lawful for Companions to go to a room after the Chapter was closed, and which was adjacent to the Chapter room, and partake of refreshments—including beer?' I ruled that Companions could repair to a room other than the Chapter room after adjournment and partake of such refreshments.

"At the same time I was asked: 'Can a Companion engage in the sale of liquor?' I decided that he could not."

A report *in extenso* was submitted by Companion J. C. Greenfield for the Committee on Revision of Constitution. This is a very interesting report, giving, as it does, the law in this Jurisdiction.

Companion A. M. Lambdin submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence in his usual forceful style, and we clip his foreword, showing that he has performed his task *con amore*.

"The labor in preparing a report of these items that are affecting the growth and progress of our Capitular Rite in the various jurisdictions, from whom we have received a copy of their transactions, though it demands and requires much time, yet, it is a labor of love, and brings much pleasure in the pursuance of these researches, for many beautiful thoughts and noble acts have been recorded that give the evidence that the fires upon our altars have not gone out, but that Masonry is a living reality, doing much for the betterment of mankind, and is always found in the advance of those things that mark true civilization and the building up the prosperity of our people."

The Pennsylvania Proceedings evidently did not reach Companion Lambdin in time for his perusal.

John C. Jones, M. E. Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihin, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

ILLINOIS.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Masonic

Temple, City of Chicago, on Thursday, October 26, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435, at 10 o'clock A.M.

A pleasant feature of this Convocation was the reception of guests. Companion John C. Smith, speaking for the Committee appointed to conduct the distinguished guests into the Grand Chapter, spoke as follows:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest: Your committee have the pleasure of reporting that they have performed the duties assigned to them, and now present to you one known to the entire jurisdiction of Illinois, and equally as well to the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry all over the United States of America, who, by his work, by his zeal, by his consistent and loving companionship with the Royal Craft, has been advanced to the post of Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, Joseph E. Dyas. I have the pleasure of presenting him to you. (Applause.)"

The M. E. Grand High Priest replied as follows:

"Most Excellent Companion Dyas, it is with pleasure that I welcome you to this Grand Chapter and invite you to a seat in the East.

" Companions, there is no jurisdiction in the world that has given a better quality of brain and heart to the Masonic faith than has Illinois. It has been so recognized perhaps for a number of years and especially has that been distinctly so within the last year. Our beloved Companion, Most Excellent George M. Moulton, as you all know, has been favored with the very distinguished honor of being elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. And now our distinguished Companion here, Joseph E. Dyas, who is the Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, will, at the coming session in June next, which, as you know, meets only once every three years, be promoted to the highest office in the gift of Royal Arch Masonry in these United States; and every one in this Grand Chapter is particularly pleased, I know, because there is no man whose personal character, whose individuality, stands higher among those who know him, and stands the highest among those who know him best, than our distinguished Companion, Joseph E. Dyas.

"I take pleasure, not in introducing him to you, but in presenting him to you in his official capacity, and ask you to join with me in according to him the grand honors of Masonry."

M. E. Comp. Joseph E. Dyas replied briefly and modestly.

Companion Leroy A. Goddard, Grand High Priest, presented his annual address, which opens as follows:

"The year just passed has been one of unusual prosperity. The returns received from every Chapter but one show a record-breaking increase in membership, and a more spirited activity among the Chapters in general than any previous year of the fifty-five of our existence. The gross gain is 2,272, and our net increase is 1,364, making the total membership 23,032. We are mindful that the commercial prosperity which has prevailed in our State for the past several years has contributed its part. So far as my observation has gone and the information that has come to me, I am happy to emphasize the belief that the standard of good quality of our membership is maintained. The healthy, prosperous growth has not been permitted to arouse that enthusiasm for increase in membership to such an extent as to permit carelessness or indifference as to the material accepted. Evidences also indicate a broader and higher comprehension and application of the purposes and principles of our Fraternity.

"The first and greatest law of Freemasonry is the law of truth; and this is more strongly emphasized in the lessons from the Royal Arch degree, in which the great incentive is the search for the development and application of truth; that truth which is the 'essential heart of life.'

> "'But, friends,
> Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise
> From outward things, whate'er you may believe.'

"The Royal Arch Chapter is an institution of peculiar merit. Its strength, and especially the activity in the meetings, are inspired by the striking and impressive lessons so forcibly presented in the several degrees. To the understanding mind and the receptive heart, there is beauty and interest in the teachings that never grow stale or lose their luster.

"Differing from other bodies, the Chapter performs no public ceremonies; no calls come to it for public display; therefore by some it is regarded as getting its support, because one is required to pass through the Capitular system before being eligible to the orders of Knights Templar. If you believe this you are not getting any part of the real value of Royal Arch Masonry. Attend the meetings, 'apply thy heart to understanding,' and you will find that it lives and has its being because of what it is in itself. The qualities of mind and heart of the Royal Craft that do the work and witness the work with profit, do see that it is a stepping-

stone, but it is toward that spiritual building, that Temple of inner life that may 'stand the test of the great Overseer's square.'"

Two new Chapters were constituted.

Under the caption "Masonic Schools," we find the following:

"As an evidence of the interest manifested, while the invitation was limited to officers and Past High Priests, owing to the limited capacity of the halls, yet twenty-seven Chapters were represented at the session on the South Side in Chicago on Thursday, thirty Chapters at the central meeting Friday, and thirty-three Chapters at the meeting on the North Side, Saturday. Delegates attended from Wilmington, Arcola, Bloomington, Harvard, Belvidere, Galesburg, Rio, Joliet, Pullman, Sycamore and other places, and I am told in nearly every case the delegate's expenses were paid by his Chapter, from an earnest desire to get a correct and uniform manner of doing the work.

"In this connection I cannot refrain from expressing serious objections to the custom practiced by some of our Chapters in the introduction of electric mats and other like novelties entirely foreign to anything contemplated in the ritual, and not at all authorized in the established work. I desire also to register emphatic disapproval of a tendency that seems to be growing, indeed, an innovation, in introducing vaudeville as a part of the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. Music referred to in the Ritual contemplates only appropriate vocal or instrumental productions, and not too much of that. At this important moment of the work, a program of songs, dialogues, recitations or other features or feats of a farcical nature is a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous—an influence diverting the mind from the impressive and striking lessons of the degree, and unfair and unjust to the candidates. An unchecked continuance of this practice may lead to rivalry among these Chapters, not as to which 'best can work and best agree,' but which can present the best drawing card in the nature of a variety show.

"Diverging somewhat, I believe this Grand Chapter does not sanction the idea of Chapters rewarding retiring High Priests by cash presentations, and may find it advisable to record its disapproval by proper prohibitive legislation."

Is this such progress (*sic*), without which our venerable institution must crumble and decay? The M. E. Grand High Priest is to be commended for raising the warning voice.

We find the following on the subject of Life Membership:

"I cannot find that there has ever been any legislation or official record made in Grand Chapter, authorizing, prohibiting or regulating Life Membership and yet it is certainly well known that such is, and has been for years, conferred by most of the Chapters of this jurisdiction. The terms are a continuous membership and payment of dues for a fixed number of years, or the payment of a stipulated amount of cash down. In either event, it is an act of commercialism and a money consideration when the certificate is delivered, and becomes a question of possible doubt whether or not, under common law, the Chapter can recall the certificate or abrogate the contract for any cause, unless so 'nominated in the bond.' I do not believe in the life membership idea. I regard the rights and benefits of Masonry as worth the cost at all stages, and if we fail to receive value for value, the fault is ours. Both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery have disapproved of this system. I suggest that this Grand Chapter prohibit the system by subordinate Chapters, or enact some measure requiring that there be inserted in life membership certificates a stipulation, 'Not valid when not in good standing in Ancient Craft Masonry.'"

After a careful study of this subject and a long experience of the beneficent results of Life Membership, I am prepared to maintain that, properly regulated, no other feature is so conducive to the welfare of the institution.

The fee should be large enough so that the interest thereon would at least pay the Grand Chapter dues of the Life Member.

The fees should be at once invested in a Permanent Fund, the income only of which could be available for the Chapter's use.

These two simple provisions enable the fore-thoughtful member to provide against the blows of adversity and at the same time to build up for the Chapter an interest-bearing fund, from which income is continuously received after the death of those whose fees helped its growth.

In Pennsylvania, Life Membership does not save the life member, should he cease to be a member of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. If suspended by his Lodge, he is *ipso*

facto suspended in his Chapter. If he resigns from his Lodge and remains unaffiliated for a period of six months he is dropped from the Chapter roll. If he resigns from his Chapter he carries no rights of life membership into any other Chapter with which he may become attached.

Companion George W. Warvelle, for the Committee on Correspondence, reports on the application of The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Zealand recommending "fraternal recognition by the Grand Chapter of Illinois;" and the request for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Western Australia and

"Respectfully recommends that the matter of recognition be continued until our next annual Convocation, and that your Committee have permission to present its final report at that time."

Companion Warvelle thus opens his "Correspondence Report":

"COMPANIONS: I have the honor of presenting herewith my fourth annual report on Foreign Correspondence, which, I trust, will be found worthy of your acceptance and perusal. I have endeavored to make it interesting, or, at least as interesting as the unpromising nature of my material will permit, and in view of the inherent dryness of my subject have taken the liberty of injecting a little moisture here and there, in the shape of more or less pungent comment. This latter, however, I have endeavored to make as innocuous as possible, and have carefully refrained from treading on anybody's corns or maltreating their favorite hobby. I presume that, now and again, I have advanced something that will fail to receive confirmation in the minds of some of my readers, but this is a circumstance that cannot well be avoided in a world peopled by intelligent beings, each of whom, in theory, at least, is provided with a thinking apparatus of his own. Therefore, if you happen to find anything that conflicts with your own views, just attribute it to a mental aberration of the writer of these lines, and thank heaven that you have been gifted with clearer vision."

Apropos of recent action in our own Jurisdiction on the use of liquors at banquets, we clip the following under California:

"They have a stringent anti-drinking law in California, but it seems that some of the Companions do not take kindly to it, and, like the Israelites in the Wilderness, who looked sadly back to the flesh-pots of Egypt, have been clamoring for a return to the old ways. The Grand High Priest recommended a repeal of the present prohibition law, and in so doing advanced a sound and cogent argument. But Grand Chapter concluded to confine its potations to water, and the banquet will remain a mere matter of feed."

Under Ohio we get this little side dig *re* progress in Freemasonry:

"He indulges in a few 'afterthoughts,' wherein he moralizes on the tendency to modernize Masonry, and agrees with my friend, Stockton Bates, of Pennsylvania, that notwithstanding the general progress of Mankind, the Masonic Institution should retain the same status it had in say, A.D. 1723. I regret to note that this report will be his last, for the present, at least, the appointment has gone to my esteemed friend, Wm. M. Cunningham. As I have been swapping ideas with Cunningham for several years in Grand Council, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that I extend to him the welcome of Illinois to a seat at the Capitular round table."

Pennsylvania for 1904 is delightfully reviewed. We so enjoyed the reading that we reproduce the entire subject matter for the delectation of those of our Companions who may choose to read this Correspondence Report:

"The Grand Chapter held its five 'communications' last year, as usual, and apparently survived the ordeal. The annual was held December 27, 1904. Just how those Pennsylvanians find time for their annual during Christmas week is a puzzler, but they do, and notwithstanding that there are no incentives in the way of mileage and per diem, the sessions are well attended.

"The Grand High Priest (Henry O. Kline) is strongly opposed to modern business 'systems' in the transaction of the affairs of Masonry, and henceforth the 'loose-leaf' method may not be used in Pennsylvania Chapters.

"Commendable zeal was also displayed by this functionary in rounding up and branding the unmarked members in the allegiance of Grand Chapter. Only two thousand are now unidentified, and, while some of them are inclined to kick a little, it is safe to assert that another year will see the last straggler brought into the fold.

"On the subject of furniture, he makes the following remarks:

"'It seems to me quite incongruous that the Ark, after being seated in the Arch, should be made to do duty as an Altar of Sacrifice, even though an urn be set upon it. I have noticed in some of our Chapters that they have an especial Altar of Sacrifice, which prompts me to respectfully suggest that this is a subject well worthy of consideration of this Grand Chapter, through its Committee on Jurisprudence, with a view to eliminating that which appears to be inharmonious."

"I don't know what Pennsylvania work is like, but the foregoing extract indicates something out of the ordinary. There was an altar of sacrifice in the old Jewish religious worship, but it was outside of the tabernacle. There was also an altar of incense within the tabernacle, opposite the seven-branch candlestick and table of shew-bread. Presumably, the Grand High Priest meant the altar of incense when he said altar of sacrifice, but the two objects were very dissimilar, and their uses still more dissimilar. However, these Pennsylvanians are very much unlike the rest of us in a number of things, as I have heretofore had occasion to point out, and it may be that they do have an altar of sacrifice, with doves, and other small game, as the votive offering.

"As a further evidence of my assertion that Pennsylvanians are 'a peculiar people,' I note the fact that Chapters U. D. have no place in their economy. A petition for a 'warrant' is addressed to Grand Chapter, by whom it is 'referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.' The Grand Officers grant or refuse the prayer of the petition in the exercise of their own discretion. If the prayer is granted, they issue the 'warrant' and constitute the Chapter. Grand Chapter has nothing to say in the matter. I am not finding any fault with this method. In fact, it comes nearer the primitive custom than our own system. I simply cite it as an argument to sustain my thesis.

"There would also seem to be an increase in the number of Grand Chaplains. Last year there were eight. This year it takes eleven clerics to minister to the spiritual needs of the Jurisdiction. In this connection I am led to inquire why the prefix 'Rev.' is attached to the Chaplains' names, and why the letters 'D. D.,' in some instances, are appended. Neither are Masonic terms, and it would be equally in good taste to put 'Hon.' before the names of some Companions, and 'LL. D.' after the names of others. Now, mind you, I am not finding any fault with the practice. I simply want to know, you know.

"The correspondence report, as in former years, is a symposium, and Illinois falls to the lot of my esteemed friend, Stockton Bates. He quotes extensively from McKinlay's address, and from Hamilton's report as Grand

Lecturer. He notes the semi-centennial of Barrett Chapter, and pauses to ask why an organization should then want to discard its fifty-year-old name for a mere geographical designation. Incidentally, he reproduces a part of an address said to have been delivered on that occasion by me. But I cannot call it mine. Undoubtedly the reporter meant well, yet, as I read it, I am forcibly reminded of Mark Twain's story of the Jumping Frog, after it had been translated into French and then clawed back into English again.

"Bro. Bates resents my imputation that, like Ephraim, he is joined to his idols, and asserts his allegiance to the one true Deity. But, I said 'idols' not false gods. In popular speech the two are confounded, but they are not the same. He defends the Pennsylvania practice of appointing a large number of Chaplains, by saying that they have a plethora of Reverends to draw from, and that 'the distribution of honors among them does them good and doesn't hurt Grand Chapter.' Bro. Codding, of the committee, says that in the Western States they may be able to get along with one Chaplain, but, as they become civilized, they will need more. The same writer also brands as a 'modern absurdity,' the practice, in some locations, of reading and approving the minutes before the closing of Grand Chapter. Being a Pennsylvanian, Bro. Codding is a thorough non-progressionist, and believes that Masonry was, is and ever will be—the same. As Bro. Codding spends most of his time in New York, I was in hopes the contact would help him, but it seems not. If anything, he is worse than Bates."

Now, isn't that breezy? Really it is worth wading through the "unpromising material" to get at this tempting morsel.

We would give something from our hard-earned income to have a visit from Comp. Warvelle. We would enjoy piloting him through some of Pennsylvania's work so that he might realize from personal contact that we are not such "a peculiar people" as the mere reading of the text might seem to indicate.

No, Comp. Warvelle, we do not have "an altar of sacrifice, with doves, and other small game as the votive offering." Our Grand High Priest is supreme in everything except where limited by the Constitution. There are certain well-defined landmarks, customs and usages, superior even to Constitution and Grand High Priest, and Masonic obedience to authority is one of the chief of these.

As to the use of the prefixes and affixes "Rev." and "D.D.," we think Comp. Warvelle's point well taken and that they might as well be left off. Perhaps the only reason for their use is that any lay Companion might be appointed a Chaplain and without the designating title no one could know whether the Chaplain was a really, truly Rev. or not. Then a mere Rev. without a sheep-skin is simply an ordained preacher: the sheep-skin makes him a D.D.

Under Vermont we find the following:

"He further thinks that in adding the triangle to the furniture of the Chapter, we violated the 'general usage of the Royal Craft universal.' Well, that depends on what Bro. Perkins means by the word 'universal.' In England the Chapter has six lights, and they are all triangles. We further know that in Dunckerly's time the triangle and the tetragramaton were the symbols of the Royal Craft, and that the latter was the Royal Arch word. I presume we had as much right to restore an ancient symbol as the revered Comp. Tucker, and other Vermont ritualists, had to introduce brand new ones. Out here in Illinois, we set much store on the early American ritualists, including the Vermonters. We are using, without question, their painfully apparent fictions, fables and innovations, such as the Ark and numerous other matters that do not conform to the 'usage of the Royal Craft universal.' We are also using the ineffable Name, which we teach our novices in the Omnific Word, notwithstanding it does not conform to the 'usage of the Royal Craft universal.' So, it will be seen, that, taking everything into consideration, we are a perverse lot, and when the deluge comes, I fear it will fare hard with us."

Under the sub-heading "Digressions," we find the following:

"This is the fourth time it has been my privilege to present to you an epitome of the acts and doings of the Capitular world, and of the sayings of which the world takes note. And at this point it is my purpose as in my former reports, to pause for a while and indulge in a few generalizations of the matters and things seen and heard in my rambles through the annual proceedings. Incidentally, I shall advance a few of my own vagaries, and record some of the truant fancies and fugitive ideas that have passed through the cogitating machinery of my own cranial cavity

since I last addressed you. This is not strictly in accord with conventional rules, nor the long established precedents of the guild, but I have found that these little digressions are not displeasing to you, and that there are many who enjoy with me these departures from the beaten track of the dusty high road. And so, after a brief interval, let us loiter in the shady by-paths and saunter through the verdant meadows, taking no heed of course or distance."

But when we look over the passages we have marked for reproduction in these proceedings, we are beset with the fear that our space will be overcrowded.

Comp. Warvelle is impressed with the thought that the writers of mortuary reports should get rid of the floridity of language and abandon the "old heathen ideas involved in polytheism," and call death death, not the "grim reaper," *et id omne genus*. He further deplores the "flippant use of the term 'I Am.'" Some one else, in the same vein, contemns the use of the phrase "Grand High Priest of the Universe" as designating the Almighty. Both points are well taken.

With reference to "Titles and Dignities," Comp. Warvelle says:

"The idea that elevation to a Masonic office implies no merit in the person chosen, and that the fact of investiture and service confers no honor on the individual, is, however, a very late development in Masonic thought. It originated in the United States; is utterly unknown outside of this country, and is accepted here only by a small minority of 'progressive' thinkers. I say this even at the risk of a resolution of non-concurrence, and if any of the non-concurrers have any doubts with respect to the absolute verity of the statement, such doubts may easily be resolved by a merely cursory examination of the abstracts of the annual proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the world for the year 1904.

"Nor does the specious argument of 'equality' serve to justify the modern practice. Equality among men never has existed and never will. It never was a doctrine of Freemasonry, which not only recognizes the fact that some must serve, while others rule, but also the unequal gifts of nature as well."

Those who have seen Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful opera,

"Pinafore," will remember Dick Deadeye, who used to say, "When some people has to obey other people's orders, equality is out of the question."

As to the early history and origin of Freemasonry, we clip the following:

"It is a notable fact that the oldest traditions of English Freemasonry make no mention of Solomon or his temple, while the medieval Masons of France and Germany knew nothing of a Jewish origin of the Craft. The oldest tradition, embedded in the Regius poem (*circa* 1388), ascribes the origin of Masonry to 'the clerk Euclid,' who, the legend says, founded it in 'Egypt land,' and then 'he taught it full and wide, in divers lands on every side,' until finally, 'many years afterward,' the Craft came into England 'in time of good King Athelstan's day.' The most ancient tradition in the Cooke MS, the next in point of time, recites substantially the same thing. At a comparative early period we may begin to find allusions to the Solomonic temple, and these, by degrees, continue to be elaborated, until at the end of the first half of the eighteenth century the Semitic legends have become crystallized into the forms we now know. But while the legends are Semitic in form, their import and symbolism are essentially Greek, and the general plans of Masonry, the lodge, the ritual, the government of the Craft, etc., can all be traced to Gothic sources.

"It would seem that, to the ordinary man, these last statements should be enough to stimulate thought and impel research, but, with strange perversity, the average Mason prefers the glories of a wholly fictitious ancestry, and seeks to deny his true genealogy by disowning the honest sire from whom he is descended."

We greatly enjoyed the following with reference to the reporters on Foreign Correspondence:

"But the Guild, as a general proposition, is composed of a fine lot of brainy gentlemen, and, as a further general proposition, they are not at all averse to admitting the correctness of this statement. They often say nice things about each other in a way that is very soothing to a man's vanity, and after you have read a few of these nice things said about yourself, you can't help feeling that the writers are men of fine taste and excellent judgment. Once in a while some fellow, looking for trouble, rubs your fur against the nap. Then you begin to entertain doubts with respect to that man's judgment, and forthwith strike his name from your visiting list."

Among so many good things it is hard to decide which to leave unharvested. We want to garner them all, "The Tabernacle," "The Iconoclasts," "The Omnific Word," and "What Shall We Call Them?"

After quoting in full our closing of Pennsylvania's last Report on Correspondence (an honor we fully appreciate) Comp. Warvelle says:

"From the foregoing it will be perceived that Bro. Bates is very much opposed to progress in Freemasonry, and that he persistently closes his eyes to the manifest fact that the Institution is progressive; that it always has been, and, in all reasonable probability, that it always will be.

"Neither is Bro. Bates correct in his conclusion that everything moves in cycles. That is an exploded idea. It was once a cardinal article of faith—a very ancient one at that, for the old Greek philosophers preached it, and for many years it was unquestioned. But modern science has shown its utter falsity. Progression is the order of nature. Constant progress. Nothing is the same to-day that it was yesterday, and to-morrow will see a further change. It is a long, long time since Bro. Bates and myself lay side by side, two protoplasmic germs in the primordial ooze, but some way or another he fails to see our manifest evolution, and clings with fond tenacity to the old, old days, when we basked in the warm sunny water or buried our little backs in the soft Eozoic mud. In fact, Bro. Bates seems to be in much the same mood as the disillusioned poet who penned the following pessimistic lines:

" 'The dreams that our fathers dreamed to-day are laughter and dust,
And nothing in all the world is left for a man to trust.
Let us hope no more, or dream, or prophesy, or pray;
For the iron world no less will crash on its iron way;
And nothing is left but to watch, with a helpless, pitying eye,
The kind old aims for the world, and the kind old fashions die.' "

And then in conclusion he says:

"I have been hoping that Illinois would be able to pass Pennsylvania, which leads us by about 1,000, but last year the exaltations in that Grand Chapter exceeded our own by about 200, and if they continue to travel at the same gait, we shall experience much difficulty in overtaking them. Ohio is pressing us very hard for third place, being less than 1,000 behind

us. Wherefore, it will be seen that it behooves us to spit on our hands and take a fresh hold, if we don't want to get left. These are strenuous times."

"A stern chase is a long one."

George F. Henthorne, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Gilbert W. Barnard, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in its Sixtieth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at 2 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, October 18, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1905.

M. E. William H. Hamelle, Grand High Priest, delivered the annual address, which treats succinctly of his doings for the year. He constituted, personally, Rensselaer Chapter and installed its officers. The question of jurisdiction came up and on a report from M. E. Thomas R. Marshall, Past Grand High Priest, special deputy to settle a dispute between La Grange Chapter, No. 102, and Kendallville Chapter, No. 64, he said:

"On receipt of this report, on September 4, 1905, I immediately notified the High Priests of both Chapters that the matter would be laid before this Grand Chapter, and directed them to appear and, if possible, settle their difficulties. I therefore suggest that the Grand Chapter take jurisdiction, and settle the question at issue between these Chapters. The correspondence in both these cases was of the most fraternal character and wholly devoid of acrimony, but the division lines in the latter case may have to be determined by a survey."

We further learn from the address that a "large number of

different rituals" are used by the Chapters of Indiana. He recommends providing "an official ritual" for each Chapter in the State.

"That we are financially able to own and control our own ritual will not be denied by any Companion of this Grand Chapter. The fee charged for a dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter is sufficient to warrant this Grand Chapter in furnishing, free of charge, an official ritual for the use of all the Chapters, and while the copies of the official ritual in the possession of most of the Chapters of Indiana at this time were certified as being correct, I am convinced that innovations have crept in, letters misused, or misplaced, rendering a difference in the pen-written rituals as now used in this Grand Jurisdiction. And as the question referred to a committee appointed last year will be settled at this meeting of the Grand Chapter, doubtless to the great satisfaction of all, I am constrained to recommend that a Committee be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest for the purpose of preparing and submitting to this Grand Chapter at its next annual Convocation a correct copy, with such eliminations or additions as may be directed by the Grand Chapter, or deemed advisable by the Committee, for the adoption by the Grand Chapter at its next annual Convocation, with a view to the proper dissemination of the correct ritual to the Chapters of Indiana, under such restrictions as may be warranted."

The R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. Calvin W. Prather, furnishes us the following statistics:

"Number of chartered Chapters, 107; number of Chapters under dispensation, 3; number of active Chapters in Indiana, 110.

"Work of the year: Mark Masters, 917; Past Masters, 889; M. E. Masters, 901; R. A. Masons, 896; Reinstated, 19; Affiliated, 79; Died, 148; Dimitted, 129; Suspended for non-payment of dues, 70; Suspended for other causes, 5; Expelled, 3; Total membership, 10,040; Net increase in membership, 639."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is furnished by Comp. Simeon S. Johnson.

Under California, *re* the matter of the use of substitutes, he says:

"We think Indiana regulation better, to allow each Chapter to be its

own judge of number of substitutes to be used. Personally, we believe they ought not to be used, except in extreme cases, and even *then* we do not *approve* of the exercise of the right."

That is "don't do it unless you must and then it is a bad thing to do anyhow." But, why? We have never seen nor heard a good reason why one or two (there never can be more than two) substitutes should not be used. We have searched our own ritual in both its exoteric and esoteric lights; we have conversed with those of other jurisdictions whose rituals differ from Pennsylvania's; we have striven to see what harm could be done by subsequent knowledge of the fact to the one going through the ceremony for the first time, and so far we have been unenlightened. To quote Warvelle, who quotes Poe, "Tellmenow Isitsoornot?"

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed and the salient points mentioned in a little over a page of Long Primer.

M. E. Charles Balch, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

S. B.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory convened for its Sixteenth Annual Convocation in the Temple, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, at 10 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, April 18, 1905.

Grand High Priest John Coyle presented his annual address. From it we clip the following:

"Masonry has been a power for good. Wherever it raised its altar, there the church found an ally, and the children a schoolroom. Many of the prosperous churches within our boundaries were organized in Masonic Halls, and the education of the early day for the white population was on benches placed within the shadow of the letter 'G.'

"The Masonic pioneer was always a law-abiding citizen, having faith in God, and love for his fellowmen. As we look back over our past, while our surroundings, Masonically and ritualistically, might have made the Eastern sojourner smile, we, who were in it and of it, knew that its influence was then and is to-day like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green."

Of the status of the Indian Territory he says:

"'The Golden Age is not behind, but before us.' When it does come, the brethren of the square and compass will be found working for everything that will make for right and peace, for progress and the uplifting of the community."

We clip from the Proceedings the following record of

"A Magnanimous Act.

"Companion W. L. Eagleton in a most fraternal manner, stated that Indian Territory had made a heroic effort to raise $50,000 for a Masonic Home. That this effort was about to be crowned with success. That while Oklahoma was also raising money for a home, the crisis was not so great as in Indian Territory, therefore, he moved that the $250 appropriated for the Home in Oklahoma should also be given to Indian Territory. All the Oklahoma Companions present seemed to cordially concur in the speech and motion of Companion Eagleton, and it was carried unanimously. The Indian Territory Companions thereupon, by a rising vote, thanked the Oklahoma Companions for their very generous and magnanimous action."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of that veteran reviewer, Comp. J. S. Murrow. He gathers from his reading of the reports of other jurisdictions that "Capitular Masonry in the United States is in a healthy and prosperous condition."

Comp. Murrow is evidently not a "tuft" hunter, neither has he a "chip" on his shoulder, for he says:

"These reviews have been written wholly and entirely for the information and benefit of the Companions of these two Territories, and I trust they will be satisfactory."

Re the presence of the "Charter," he, under New Jersey, says:

"We should like to ask this Companion what New Jersey's acts would be in a case where a Chapter had the misfortune to have the Charter destroyed by fire or cyclone, or some similar calamity? The Grand High Priest is the executive head of the order, the Grand Chapter records showed that a Charter had been granted, hence it is the prerogative and the duty of the executive head of the Grand Chapter to order a duplicate, not a Charter, but a duplicate of the Charter already granted by the Grand Chapter.

"In order that the Chapter may not be retarded in its efforts to promulgate the teachings of Capitular Masonry and denied the privileges of the Chapter's home, it would be indeed a 'serious thing' to thus act. Would the New Jersey Companions abandon their homes because the marriage license had been destroyed. We think not."

Is not this pregnant and ever-recurring topic a mere question of the law? Give us the law. In Pennsylvania the law requires the actual presence of the warrant. A Chapter can not be opened in its absence. If lost or destroyed, a duplicate must be procured.

It is the visible evidence of the lawfulness of the assembly as a warranted Chapter. Every one present is entitled to the knowledge that this evidence is within every one's sight. It is the guarantee of orderly, lawful procedure and is peculiarly Masonic.

A policeman is no less a policeman when off duty; but it is his uniform and his badge that proclaim him an officer of the law.

Pennsylvania for 1904 is reviewed. Quotations are made from Past Grand High Priest Kline's address *re* Marks and their recording.

He says our Report on Correspondence was "most interesting."

He thus concludes in an evident vein of sadness:

"My work for this year is finished. Will I continue to write these reports? That depends. If my Companions of the Grand Chapter so will, and my life is spared, perhaps I shall.

"I believe that I have been appointed Correspondent almost ever since the Grand Chapter was organized. And I have done the best I could to perform the duty faithfully.

"But the end is approaching. The keeper of the house trembles, the strong men bow, the grinders have ceased, and those that look out of the windows are darkened. I arise at the voice of the bird and the daughters of music have been brought low. I am afraid of that which is high; the almond tree is flourishing, and even a grasshopper is a burden, and desire has ceased. The silver cord will soon be loosened, the golden bowl broken, the pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the cistern, for I shall go to my long home. But thank God, I believe there will be many mourners. But they need not mourn, for 'I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.' I can truly say, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.'

"Amen—Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Eugene Hamilton, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Joseph Samuel Murrow, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Fifty-second Annual Convocation in Smith's Armory, Iowa City, September 28, A.D. 1905, at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

A full and very readable address was presented by M. E. Comp. A. S. Lawrence, Grand High Priest. Among his opening sentences we find the following optimistic words:

"We rejoice in the progress and prosperity which attends us as a people. We tender our homage and thankfulness to the Great I Am that peace, happiness and contentment abide within our borders. We renew our allegiance and support to the bright banner floating over us, resplendent

with the beautiful colors which are also symbolic emblems of our beloved Craft, and as it floats from tower and mast-head carries with it the force and truthfulness of the lesson 'that righteousness exalteth a nation.' And while we note with pride and satisfaction the material progress and prosperity of our people, we also recognize with thankfulness and hope the moral and intellectual heights to which we have attained. There has never been a time in our history when the student and thinker occupied the advanced position that he does to-day. We hail with joy the liberality, toleration, and charity which is being exemplified among the religious creeds to-day, in marked contrast to the warring sectarianism and intolerance of the past. In this march of progress, Masonry, ever the foe of superstition and oppression, ever the friend and champion of the rights of the people, always the advocate of the enlightenment and moral elevation of mankind, has ever been found in the forefront of the contest."

At least here is one who sees good in Grand Representatives. for he says:

"I sincerely hope that more interest will be taken in this matter, for I feel assured that the getting in touch with Capitular affairs in the Jurisdiction which they represent, through the medium of their published Proceedings and by correspondence, will be a source of much profit to these Companions, and through them to this Grand Chapter."

A dispensation was issued to open a new Chapter, to be known as Spence Chapter. The following table shows the growth and membership for 1904:

"Exalted	654	
Admitted	102	
Reinstated	47	
	——	803

DECREASE.

Dimitted	226	
Suspended	63	
Expelled	5	
Dropped from roll	145	
Died	115	
	——	554
Net increase		249
Total membership at close of year 1904		9,658"

We commend these sensible words to those of our own Companions who are in arrears:

"The matter of unpaid dues is one which has been brought to your attention, and so forcibly commented upon by my predecessors that it would seem that further mention is unnecessary. The total of unpaid dues in the various Chapters at the close of the year 1904 amounted to $8,137. The greater proportion of this deficit exists in twenty-eight Chapters. Some of these show a list of unpaid dues amounting to $6.00 per member. This method of financiering cannot be too severely criticised. I feel assured that much of it arises from the mistaken idea that we should not be persistent in asking the Companions to pay their dues. That we should permit them to suit their own convenience. No more disastrous policy could be pursued. The surest way of causing a Companion to drop his membership is to allow his dues to accumulate. No organization can be progressive without it is kept in a healthy condition financially. And the officer who permits his membership to get in arrears for dues under our present law is not doing his duty."

Companion William F. Cleveland furnishes the Report on Correspondence.

Under Canada we note allusion to the address of Companion Abraham Shaw, Grand Z., as

"an interesting paper, breathing the true Masonic spirit that has accomplished such splendid results during his two years' term of office as the official head of that Grand Body."

The Companion above spoken of is a brother of Comp. Samuel Shaw, Secretary of Melita R. A. Chapter, No. 284, of this Jurisdiction.

Under North Carolina, and with reference to the recording of Marks, he says:

"We, however, believe in requiring every Mark Master Mason to select his mark before exaltation. This has been required in Iowa for a good many years, and while working no hardship upon anyone has made the Lodge Book of Marks an interesting feature to members of the Chapters."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. Among other things he says:

"Companion Henry Oscar Kline, Grand High Priest, reported having constituted two new Chapters. Twenty-one Grand Representatives were in attendance. Iowa was not among the number. The Grand High Priest reported having officially visited quite a number of the subordinate Chapters. He has been getting after the Mark Master Masons who have failed to select and record their marks. If they would require them to select and have their marks recorded before exaltation, it would prevent the continued growth of this evil.

"They have no regularly organized Council of convention of the Order of High Priesthood. When they install a High Priest or Grand High Priest all Companions present who have not received the Order of High Priesthood are required to retire. We regret that such a magnificent Grand Jurisdiction as this has never sworn allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

"The Report on Correspondence is the joint work of a committee of four, who parcel it out among themselves, each reviewing the Grand Jurisdiction assigned to him. While we believe this to be the proper course to pursue when the Committee on Correspondence is composed of several members, in the case of Pennsylvania the entire report is a much better one than could be expected generally, but we question whether this method would prove at all satisfactory if generally adopted. We are convinced that the best reports are from the ready pens of such admirable writers as Perkins, of Vermont; Schultz, of Maryland; Southgate, of North Carolina; Barlow, of Connecticut; Mayo, of Missouri, and others whose long service and splendid reports have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Grand Jurisdictions they write for.

"Iowa again falls to Companion Stockton Bates for review, who gives us seven pages of kind fraternal mention, quoting freely from our Proceedings, but comments quite sparingly. We have enjoyed reading the entire report."

Elsewhere in this review we alluded, without giving due credit, to the following under Vermont. It has our most hearty commendation:

"We notice that he refers to Deity as the Supreme Grand High Priest. It may be well enough to use the expression of Supreme Grand Master, or the All-Wise Grand Commander of the Universe, but we question the fitness of applying the term of Supreme Grand High Priest to the Godhead—when the High Priests of old were mediators and intercessors at the throne of grace. We have observed the use of this term before, which, in our opinion, is a misnomer."

We marked the following for our shears, and give it with a hearty Amen! It is from the conclusion of this admirable report:

"There exists a condition in most all of the Grand Jurisdictions that we believe ought to be corrected. So many Grand High Priests report having granted dispensations freely to violate existing laws of their Grand Chapters, permitting subordinate Chapters to receive and ballot upon petitions for the degrees of the Chapter at the same Convocation, regardless of the wise provisions of the laws requiring that such petitions shall be referred to a committee of investigation and lay over until the next regular Convocation. This evil has become so general, and the abuse of the authority vested in the Grand High Priest to waive this provision of the law in cases of emergency has become so common, that in several Grand Jurisdictions the power to grant dispensations to allow the balloting upon petitions out of time has been taken away from the Grand High Priest, and so far as heard from it seems to operate satisfactorily to all concerned, especially so to the Grand High Priest, who usually finds it hard to refuse such requests. The real emergency occurs so rarely that very little, if any, hardship is experienced, and the unseemly scurry from the Lodge to the Commandery and the Shrine through the portals of the Chapter is toned down to a more dignified procession. In their leisurely journey through the interesting and instructive degrees of the Chapter they will find much to attract and interest, that otherwise would be lost upon them.

"There are many Knights Templar to-day who possess but little, if any, knowledge of Capitular Masonry, because of the haste in which they were rushed through the Chapter degrees en route to the so-called higher degrees of Masonry.

"From a careful review of the Capitular field, we are led to believe that the steady increase in membership is a healthy growth, made up of the best material that the country affords, that a high moral standard is being maintained, and that its continued growth in membership under these conditions should prove an element of strength rather than of weakness. Let us trust that its moral teachings may sink deep into our hearts, influencing our lives, and shining out in our good work to the honor of Capitular Masonry."

A. V. Storm, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Alf. Wingate, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

KANSAS.

M. E. Perry M. Hoisington, Grand High Priest, presented the annual address.

We clip the following from its opening paragraphs:

"We all know of 'Nan Shan' and '203 Meter Hill,' but who dwells upon the story of the trenches? Of the toilsome days, the sleepless nights, the awful toil of digging and bearing burdens, of the weeks and months of anxious waiting, from which the rush to the death grapple is a welcome release—no poet or orator comes forth to tell the story of uneventfulness. But, my Companions, are not these humble toilers who bridge the time between spectacular events, as truly heroes as those who die in the charge? To live our daily lives, to keep our poise and faith, to be faithful to our friends and true to our God—are these not really the important issues of our being, and to them will we not give our best endeavor?"

A dispensation was issued to form a new Chapter U. D. at Jewell City. This Chapter started its career under particularly encouraging auspices.

But one decision was rendered, which accords with Pennsylvania law.

We further learn that:

"By the legislation of the Grand Lodge at its last session that Grand Body assumed the full charge and responsibility of the Kansas Masonic Home. By resolution at the Annual Convocation in 1903, this Grand Chapter expressed its full compliance with this plan, and, accordingly, early in the year, M. E. Comp. Robert R. Torrington, the Grand Chapter's representative on the Home Board, placed his resignation in the hands of the Grand High Priest. Later it was in due form accepted, and the right of this Grand Body to a part in the official control of the Home was formally relinquished. This does not, however, extinguish the interest which the members of the Royal Craft have in this noble monument to the beneficent purposes of Masonry. During the year the Grand High Priest has made frequent unofficial visits to the Home, and is glad to report that all its affairs are in excellent condition. With any institution of this kind the question of its personal management is of the most vital interest. With us this question is happily solved for the present by the efficient service of

Bro. James Snedden and his accomplished wife, as Superintendent and Matron. The admirable condition of all the appointments of the Home, the air of quiet comfort there pervading, the neat appearance and respectful behavior of the children, and the spirit of contentment and satisfaction which impresses even the casual visitor, are evidences of their devotion and efficiency.

"Companions, this place is as it should be, a *home,* not simply an institution. Let it be our greatest pride to see that it is so maintained that our children may rise up and call blessed those who founded it—even like unto one in ancient times, who digged a well in a desert place, or one who planted trees that others might eat the fruit thereof."

From the Constitution adopted February 14, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435, we learn that:

"This Grand Body shall be known as The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, and has exclusive jurisdiction of Capitular Masonry in the State of Kansas."

In the By-Laws the duties of the Committee on Correspondence are thus defined:

"The Committee on Correspondence shall review the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and submit printed reports. They shall notice all matters relating to the laws and usages of other Grand Chapters which may appear at variance with the general laws and customs governing like cases, and endeavor to state, with judicious phrase, the correct practice. They shall report triennially, in brief, so much of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter as they shall deem essential to the Chapters, calling special attention to such current decisions of the General Grand High Priest as may be of general interest."

Companion William M. Shaver presents the Report on Correspondence. If possible, it is more condensed and compact than usual, and yet the salient points are selected from each Jurisdiction under review. It seems that nothing escapes the eye of Comp. Shaver, and if one wanted an epitome of Royal Arch Masonry we would commend him to this report.

We clip the following under Minnesota:

"We are surprised that Bro. Montgomery has adopted a book system, and after such an experience still recommends its use. The card system is so much more preferable in every way for such a purpose, is without waste material and capable of indefinite expansion. No book plan can be adopted which will avoid large quantities of unused material for years to come, certain portions never will be used, while long before the space in the book can be exhausted certain Chapters will be crowded out of space in spite of any arrangement which can now be devised. Again, the card system is capable of the most accurate and absolute indexing, always revised to date, and such an index doubles the value of such a register."

Every word of it is true. We have a card system in use in the Grand Secretary's office of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and its use is daily adding testimony in its favor.

We also clip the following *re* "Marks" under North Dakota:

"A Special Committee on Marks fell in with the idea, and submitted a report prohibiting the use of 'monograms, initials, or the given or surnames, in whole or in part, of a Mark Master Mason as his mark.' Let us see; will not this change the mark of our Grand Master Hiram? We wonder what they will use hereafter in North Dakota as the general mark of this degree. It is amusing to observe the peculiar ideas sometimes evolved in matters of this kind."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed and it takes over two pages to say what he has to say about us.

For pure essence, double-distilled, how is the following?

"108TH YEAR.	QUARTERLIES AND ANNUAL.	PHILADELPHIA.
124 Chapters.	21,276 Members.	Net increase: 1,135.
3 Mark Lodges.	681 Members.	Net decrease: 14.

" Our faithful Grand Representative, R. E. Samuel W. Wray, was present at all of the Convocations."

Of our Correspondence Report he says:

"The Correspondence Report is the work of the several members of the committee, as usual. Past Grand High Priest M. E. Matthias H. Henderson is back again as the chairman, after a two years' rest. Comp. Stockton Bates again receives Kansas for attention in the customary alphabetical division for review.

"Our Proceedings for 1903 are those which receive attention, and these are assigned three pages of fraternal and approving notices. He quotes freely from Grand High Priest Wellington's address, and also a page from Comp. Wolf's report of the Committee on Necrology, which latter he curiously credits to R. E. Thomas L. Bond."

We regret that we crowned the wrong head, and if our apology will mend matters we offer it most humbly.

M. E. Thomas L. Bond, Grand High Priest.

R. E. William M. Shaner, Grand Secretary.

S. B.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation in King Solomon Chapter room in "The Masonic" Temple, Louisville, Ky., commencing October 17, 1905, A. I. 2435, and was opened in ample form on the Royal Arch Degree at 7 o'clock P.M.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Joe H. Ewalt, presented the annual address. From it we clip the opening paragraph:

"By the will of the 'Great I Am,' we again meet in annual Convocation. While each year the personnel of the Representatives change, still a number of the 'old guard' are usually with us, and are at this time. But, one who had attained prominence in this Grand Body, Past Grand High Priest, William Ryan, has closed his eyes to things material and passed into the spirit world beyond. That courteous gentleman and companion will be missed from our counsels. When I learned of his demise, the time was too short to make arrangements to attend his funeral, otherwise I would certainly have shown that respect to the memory of him whom I esteemed most highly. I wired the Grand Secretary to procure a suitable floral design to be placed on his grave."

"A suitable floral design to be placed on his grave." We never see them so placed, but we wonder whether in life the heart of the now cold recipient of these testimonials ever hun-

gered for the fraternal word of praise or encouragement and heard it not; whether his now rigid palm ever ached for the fraternal hand-clasp of a valued friendship; whether his eyes now glazed in death ever strained to see the light of a responsive soul looking the commendation that words would have weakened; whether those dulled ears ever strove to catch the word of trust and fellowship needed but withheld? By all means bring flowers, if they will serve to allay a heartfelt sorrow, but let them be but a culmination of a visible, active, outspoken friendship.

With reference to uniform minutes, he says:

"I recommend that a committee be appointed to draft the minutes of a supposed Convocation at which almost everything that could come up would be made a matter of record in proper form, similar to form in the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions. Then we might have more correct records, or at least a guide for the inexperienced."

We have such a "Form for Recording Minutes" in Pennsylvania, which works very well, although open to the criticism that in securing uniformity individuality is annihilated.

One would look in vain through the minutes of a Chapter to find any reflection of the times among its stereotyped pages. Even so all pervading a condition as existed during the Civil War finds no echo on the minute book, except perhaps an occasional remission of dues of one who was of the army.

Harking back to the Constitution, he says:

"I recommend that one Companion be selected to review the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, in lieu of three, as provided in Section 1, Article 5, to be known as 'Reporter of the Doings of other Grand Chapters,' as he is in no sense a correspondent, nor is it a report on correspondence, but on doings or actions."

Four new Chapters were organized and charters restored to two dormant Chapters.

From the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we clip the following:

"Article 1, Section 5, of the Constitution, provides that a member of a Chapter ceases to be a member when he ceases to be a member of a Lodge of F. & A. M. This fact should be officially established by notice to the Chapter by the Lodge, but we do not concur in the opinion apparently expressed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, that the Companion is entitled to any notice by the Chapter, or opportunity to be heard, before he can be dropped from the roll of his Chapter. He, by operation of law, ceases to be a member of the Chapter as soon as his Lodge membership is severed. Courtesy demands that the Lodge should notify the Chapter, and that the Secretary of the Chapter should notify the member that he is dropped, but he is not legally entitled to any notice before such action is taken.

"If the member applies for a dimit before the Chapter is informed of his Lodge non-application, he is entitled to his dimit, if he be squared on the books and no charges are pending, but not afterwards."

This is good law. In Pennsylvania, however, the onus of discovery of the fact that a member has ceased to be a member of a Lodge, lies upon the Secretary of the Chapter. It is he who must keep in touch with the membership of his Chapter and their affiliations. No "courtesy demands that the Lodge should notify the Chapter."

The able report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. W. W. Clarke. It is a bright readable paper; terse—but not tabulated statistics. Note this under Alabama, commenting on the refusal of a Grand High Priest to permit a second ballot on the plea that a black ball had been deposited by mistake and the remark of William Y. Titcomb that

"The Grand High Priest did exactly right in refusing said dispensation. Companions should exercise more care in respect of the sacred duty of balloting on candidates."

Whereupon Comp. Clarke pithily remarks:

"True, so far as the sacred duty goes; but how about the fellow who was taken for some one else, and who suffered without fault on his part."

Under Canada and *re* a ruling that a candidate, being unable to give the requirements of the ceremony in proper manner, should not be permitted to receive the degrees authorized by the Grand Chapter of Canada, he says:

"We question, respectfully of course, the soundness of the last ruling. Had the application been for the Entered Apprentice degree, we think it would have been beyond question; but should the same stringent rule apply when the petitioner is a Master Mason seeking exaltation to the consummation of that degree. If we understand the history and theory of the Royal Arch degree, it was originally conferred on all Past Masters. Suppose that in that earlier time of the Order a Master of a lodge, duly installed had suffered an accident by which he lost a thumb and finger, would he have been debarred that to which he was entitled, not by reason of physical perfection, but by reason of having been called by the suffrages of his brethren to the office of Master; and if a Mason, under such circumstances and at such time would have been entitled to the degree of Royal Arch, why not now?"

Under Illinois, my good and able friend, the writer of inimitable reports with "addenda"—GEORGE W. WARVELLE, is maimed and disfigured into plain Geo. W. Worrell. He won't like it! I know he won't.

Much that my scissors itch to clip and my paste-pot to attach must remain ungarnered.

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed.

He notes that we have "communications," not "convocations." He says:

"We note that he refused a waiver of jurisdiction to the Grand High Priest of Ohio for the reason that the brother, a member of a Lodge in Pennsylvania, had not 'passed the Chair.' We do not understand the law of this jurisdiction, of course, but the reason for declining the request for waiver of jurisdiction seems peculiar. We can understand it only by supposing that the 'Degree of Past Master' is not conferred in their Chapters. One of the edicts of the Grand High Priest gives color to this view. He declared the action had in the case of Bro. M. C. T. void, he having signed the petition for the degrees and membership before passing the Chair.'

"Does this Jurisdiction restrict the R. A. Degree to 'actual Past Masters?'"

You understand the matter correctly. The "Degree of Past Master" is not conferred in Pennsylvania Chapters. A member of a Lodge of Master Masons may get a dispensation to "pass the chair," and thus become a virtual Past Master. He can then petition for the M., M. E., and R. A. degrees in the Chapter. You will thus see that there is no restriction as to "actual Past Masters."

There are but three remaining Mark Lodges in this Jurisdiction, honorable survivors of a once active period in Freemasonry. The Mark degree is rarely conferred in these Mark Lodges now, as applicants for the Capitular degrees receive the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees in the Chapter.

We feel greatly honored in having our conclusion quoted in full, and are delighted that it made so favorable an impression on one so eminently qualified to judge.

Under Vermont we clip the following:

"We thank Companion Perkins for his kind words, and assure him that the printer has had the law laid down to him on the subject of distinguishing between original and quoted matter in future; and as the head of the establishment is Grand Scribe, he'll heed the warning, for fear we'll use our ''fluence' against him. Seriously, he was as much disturbed by the manner in which the report was printed as anyone. During the time the work was being done he was confined to his home with sickness, and could not give it his personal attention."

The present report meets every requirement, comment and quotations are well distinguished and every evidence is given of care in its get-up.

Under Wisconsin, taking its Grand High Priest to task for saying he enjoyed his duties as correspondent, he says:

"We'll wager our work penny which, generally, is the only semblance

of wealth to be found about our person, and that is to be found only for the reason that it is not legal tender, that if he were to serve one term as Grand High Priest of Kentucky he would change his tune."

Comp. Clarke does himself an injustice. He forgets the wealth of his ideas and the ready currency of his comments. A fig for the *simoleons* when we can swap thoughts and grow fat on the exchange.

Albert A. Hazelrigg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened in the Masonic Temple, at New Orleans, Tuesday, February 7, 1905, at 12 o'clock M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Graham Surghnor, delivered the annual address. The departed Companions are tenderly referred to after a first cordial welcome to the living Companions meeting in annual convocation.

A dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Chapter, to be known as Bernard Chapter, U. D.

On the status of Capitular Masonry in Louisiana he speaks as follows:

"Capitular Masonry has continued to thrive during the past year, all Chapters showing a more or less healthy growth. At this writing I am unable to give the exact increase in membership, but the report of the Grand Secretary will show."

In concluding and with reference to term of service of a Grand High Priest, he says:

"I do not believe that any endorsement is needed through a second term, nor do I believe that it adds to the honor of the high position when one stops to think that if we begin with the first chair and go on up, it will take twenty years to reach the High Priest station. I think we will find suf-

ficient reason to be satisfied with one term. I, at least, am satisfied, and I earnestly hope that the Companions will select my successor from the splendid material in sight."

There may be instances of one having filled all the subordinate positions from Grand Sentinel to Grand High Priest in regular succession, but we doubt it. That one must serve in order to be advanced is often considered a prerequisite. But service should only be looked upon as a means of testing ability: not advancement as a reward for previous service. Some men's qualifications are known intuitively. In our experience we have known able Grand High Priests whose first service was when elected Grand Scribe.

From the Grand Secretary's report we clip the following statistics as showing the condition of the Fraternity in Louisiana:

"Marked during year 1904 192
Passed 189
Received and acknowledged 190
Exalted 190

Total degrees conferred 761

ACCESSIONS.

Exalted 190
Affiliated 21
Reinstated 6

Total accessions 217

DEDUCTIONS.

Dimitted 18
Died 26
Dropped 1
Suspended 16
Expelled 1

Total deductions 62

Net gain during the year 155

Membership, January 1, 1905 ..... 1,780"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. E. Rev. Herman Cope Duncan. This is an exceedingly well written report showing an experienced hand. One has but to read this report to catch the salient points of interest as caught in an exhaustive review of the several jurisdictions.

We have noted so many things to clip and comment upon that we fear our limited time will not permit their use.

The judicial mind is shown in the following, under Connecticut.

Quoting from the Grand High Priest's address, which says:

"I would therefore recommend that the decision or resolution requiring Chapters to obtain a dispensation in order to hold a ball or assembly be repealed."

He adds:

"The drift of opinion is, we think, no Chapter can do anything in public without special permission. The trouble here, we take it, is in a perversion of the word 'dispensation.' Its use undoubtedly implies the loosing of an obligation, the unbinding of a restraining law. If the word 'permission' had been used in the application, instead of 'dispensation,' it would have made the air clearer, and, possibly, the High Priest would have seen the matter in a different way from that in which he did view it."

Pennsylvania is fully and fraternally reviewed. Quoting from our printed proceedings as follows:

"All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion Henry Oscar Kline was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,* was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft,"

and goes on to say:

"From this we infer that while there is no distinct organization of the Order of High Priesthood in Pennsylvania, yet there is an Order of High Priesthood, and our surmise was, and is, that initiation into that order must involve certain of the immemorial customs thereto pertaining. We find

of very general record terms employed which indicate a setting apart of the initiate in some sort of a permanent way, so that he is forever thereafter endowed with a distinctive character peculiar to his new vocation.

"In other words, we understand that initiation into the Order of High Priesthood is a very different thing from installation into the office of Grand High Priest. In the former case, an indelible character is stamped upon the man, as in the 'degrees' of Masonry, so that it is as improper to re-initiate a man therein as it would be to confer the degree of, say, Entered Apprentice, upon him a second time. While in the latter case we endow him with the authority of the office which he must in time surrender and altogether cease to exercise."

We are in entire ignorance of the "proceedings of a Most Excellent Council of the Order of High Priesthood" as practiced in Louisiana. There is no such organization in Pennsylvania. Here the ceremony of installation includes the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood, and when the incumbent has been installed he has had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him. We doubtless do not make this matter very clear because of our confessed ignorance of Louisiana's ceremony and from the further fact that Comp. Duncan understands "that initiation into the Order of High Priesthood is a very different thing from installation into the office of Grand High Priest," whereas the two, with us, are so welded that they are but an indivisible part of one harmonious ceremony.

We again clip:

"Companion Bates, replying to our statement that it seems to us that if a single black ball appears on the ballot on application for membership, a second ballot is as appropriate as in the case of a ballot for degrees, says that they have a 'test ballot which serves to cover cases of unintentional black-balling.' This seems to us to meet the case, but why call the first ballot 'a test ballot' and the second ballot a first real ballot? Is it not just as easy to provide that in certain cases a second ballot can be taken? There is absolutely no time saved by the Pennsylvania provision, nor ought there to be any more space occupied in the minutes in either case. It is manifestly among the things improper to be written, for a Secretary to record

an unintentional black ball. His record should be only that of the determinate ballot."

We seem to be at cross purposes in this matter of balloting and black-balling. Let us see if we can clear the matter up.

The ballot box is prepared and the vote cast. The Scribe announces that the balls are not all white, and is confirmed by the King, who finds the ballot not in favor of the applicant. At this point, and before the final announcement of the result by the High Priest, if it shall appear that a mistake has been made, or it is assumed that such a mistake has been made, a test ballot may be ordered to demonstrate the fact. If this ballot is clear the result, of course, is so announced. The second, not the first, is the "test" ballot. No space is taken up on the minutes, as only the final action is recorded.

We feel honored in having our conclusion quoted entire, and return our thanks for the compliment.

George W. Booth, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, P. G., H. P., R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MAINE, 1905.

Eighteenth Annual Convocation, at Portland, May 2, 1905, Companion William N. Howe, Grand High Priest.

Among the first matters to engage the attention of the body was a letter from Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion Walter S. Glidden, who, since the preceding convocation, had established his residence and business at Honolulu, conveying his greetings to the Grand Chapter and regretting the necessity for his retirement from office therein. There is a touch of sadness in this—that a Companion who has attained this high office and honor among his brethren should miss the crowning

event of the relation and relinquish the cherished prospect of becoming Grand High Priest. But the memory of having been second in rank among such sturdy Royal Arch Masons as are found in Maine is some compensation for the disappointment.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a concise, but complete and well-worded review of his administration for the preceding year. It announces the death of two conspicuous Companions—Horace Harmon Burbank, Past Grand High Priest, and Marquis Fayette King, who had served as Grand King. Both were distinguished in civil life, the former having been a college classmate of Thomas B. Reed, of national fame. He had also attained the highest honors in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Council of Maine.

By close scrutiny we find the following bit of humor, perhaps not so intended:

"Dispensations Declined.

"June 6, I received a request from the High Priest of St. John's Chapter at Dexter, requesting a dispensation to elect officers at a special convocation to be holden on Monday evening, June 20, for the reason that the date of the annual meeting was July 4th. The request was denied, as I did not believe it proper to anticipate the business of the annual meeting under such circumstances."

Then comes the following:

"Dispensations for Other Purposes.

"July 6, to St. John's Chapter, No. 25, at Dexter, to transact the business of the annual convocation at a special convocation to be holden Monday evening, July 11, there not being a quorum present at the annual convocation, July 4.

"September 11, St. John's Chapter again asked for a dispensation to elect officers at a regular convocation to be holden September 25. They having failed to elect officers at the special convocation July 11, permission was granted."

Which shows how the apparent lack of patriotism of the Grand High Priest was indirectly rebuked! We do not blame the Companions of No. 25 for not wishing to hold a meeting on July 4, but it does seem that they might have "got down to business" by July 11, especially as Maine is a prohibition State.

The following decisions are quoted *in extenso,* as we believe they involve somewhat unusual cases, correctly determined, and may be of service in a general way, to some inquiring officers of our own Chapters, the application of the principles being modified by the laws of our jurisdiction on the subjects:

"DECISIONS.

"A brother presented his petition to a Chapter and was elected, but before the Mark degree had been worked, charges were preferred against him in his Lodge, and the matter was referred to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, after investigation, suspended the brother until the next session of the Grand Lodge. At the session of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, after investigation, suspended the his election. Can the Chapter confer the degrees upon the original petition?

"*Answer.* No, the Chapter cannot confer the degrees. The candidate must make new application. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter provides as follows: An accepted candidate who does not present himself to receive the Mark degree within one year from his acceptance, forfeits his election and can be received only on a new petition; but temporary absence from the State of more than three months shall be excluded in determining the delay in presenting himself.

"April 5, I received a communication from Cushnoc Chapter, No. 43, at Augusta, stating that Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, D. C., requested Cushnoc Chapter to confer the Chapter degrees upon a candidate for them, as said candidate was temporarily residing at Augusta, adding also that the fees had been paid to Lafayette Chapter.

"*Answer.* The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Maine provides that every candidate, by receiving the Royal Arch degree, becomes a member of the Chapter, and must immediately register his name as such. It also provides that the fees for conferring the degrees shall not be less than twenty dollars and no credit shall be given therefor. Therefore, Cushnoc Chapter cannot confer the degrees for Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, at Washington, D. C.

"February 4, I received a communication from Pentecost Chapter, No. 55, at Boothbay Harbor, asking instructions for accepting an application from a resident of the State of Massachusetts. The request was accompanied by the statement that the applicant did not propose to give up his residence in Massachusetts, but simply wished to belong to a Chapter elsewhere. I answered, stating that it would not be for the good of Masonry to consider his request, as there was not any necessity of recruiting our ranks from another Jurisdiction, while there was an abundance of good material in Maine."

They were approved by the Grand Chapter.

As to the condition of the Craft he says:

"The reports from the various Chapters in this State show continued prosperity, substantial increase in membership, and the same flourishing condition as for many years past. The utmost harmony prevails, and I do not see any reason why it should not remain so."

He also submits a report as a "visiting Grand Officer," with similar reports from the Grand King and Grand Scribe, as well as District Deputies. These are complete in detail and show a careful and earnest supervision over the affairs and work of the Chapters. Special attention is given to examination of the Books of Marks and their condition noted.

Companion Howe was re-elected Grand High Priest for another year.

Companion Herbert Harris presents his third annual Report on Correspondence, which is full of interest. It is introduced by a photo-engraving of himself, by which we may see how he appears physically as well as to see in his report how he looks mentally. We approve him in both pictures.

His review of Pennsylvania is dignified except for his reference to the annual report of Grand High Priest Kline, which, he says, "carries considerable baggage in the form of statistics." We fear he did not examine closely the matter termed "baggage in the form of statistics." M. E. Companion Kline

began his administration with a commendable effort to secure greater attention to the record of Marks in the Chapters, which, unfortunately, had been somewhat neglected. It was an important and valuable part of his report to inform the Grand Chapter of the success of his efforts in that behalf, and to notify it of the then existing deficiencies in each Chapter, with a view of further efforts to complete the work. What is termed by Companion Harris "baggage in the form of statistics" is a list of the Chapters, the total membership of each, and the number of remaining unrecorded marks in each. This "baggage in the form of statistics" shows a gratifying result of Companion Kline's labors.

Companion Harris objects to our law requiring an objection, after ballot, to be made orally, in open Chapter, because it exposes the objector, instead of giving him the protection that the secret ballot or private objection affords. The writer concedes that this is a debatable question, but why should any conscientious Companion, with a valid objection against a candidate, require to be shielded? Too often is the ballot itself employed to vent private piques and grudges, motives that the coward would hesitate to give audible expression to, and it is doubtful if the opportunity should be extended.

The writer acknowledges the compliment of having his opinion quoted, on the obligation of the suspended member to his Chapter with respect to dues. Perhaps our views on the subject are radical, and we disclaim any hope of converting to them any ultra-conservative Companion, either in Maine or in Pennsylvania.

In his conclusion, Companion Harris treats of the many feeble Chapters that appear in some of the Grand Chapter Jurisdictions, "some of which have never known a vigorous life and seem destined to die an early death." His diagnosis of the

trouble is, "first too great willingness to give them birth; second, carelessness and neglect in their nurture and education after birth." His remedy is obvious. With this we agree.

William N. Howe, Portland, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MARYLAND, 1904.

The Grand Chapter held its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation at Baltimore, November 17, 1904.

The address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph H. Jackson, is a brief document, announcing that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction. He also announces the death of Companions Jacob H. Medairy, Past Grand King; William A. Wentz, Past Deputy Grand High Priest; and Charles F. Ackley and William E. Arnold, Past Grand High Priests.

No decisions are reported.

Besides the address of the Grand High Priest, the business of the Convocation consisted principally of the reports of officers and committees, in which nothing but routine matters were presented.

Companion Edward T. Shultz submitted his twenty-seventh Report on Correspondence. He is the dean of the guild, and deserves the title, not only for the precedence his length of service gives him, but as well for the interesting and original manner in which he surveys the Capitular world. Condensation is a fine art with him, and yet nothing is overlooked. He is loyal to his own Grand Chapter and tries to be just to others.

We sympathize, however, with the correspondent of Minnesota, of whom he says:

"All that Companion Montgomery could say of our 1902 Proceedings is contained in twelve lines. Brevity is the soul of wit, although we are compelled to acknowledge that there is a total absence of wit in his reference to our Jurisdiction."

If Companion Montgomery could find no more to review of the Proceedings of Maryland Grand Chapter for 1902 than we find in Proceedings of 1904 (Companion Shultz's production excepted), we do not wonder that he could not point his brethren of his own jurisdiction to Maryland for new developments in Capitular Masonry.

We thank Companion Shultz for his kindly treatment of Pennsylvania.

Charles McDonald, Jr., Baltimore, M. E. Grand High Priest.
John H. Miller, Baltimore, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1904.

Quarterly Convocation March 8, 1904, Masonic Temple, Boston. Besides the officers and permanent members present, thirty-six Chapters were represented.

The Committee's report on Grand High Priest's address presented at the preceding Annual Convocation was submitted, reviewing his official acts and considering his recommendations.

We usually look to the conservative, substantial old Commonwealth of Massachusetts to place superior men at the head of her institutions. She may fail at times in some directions. In the case of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Companion Samuel F. Hubbard, her reputation is sustained. Of him the above-mentioned committee said:

"The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts is to be congratulated upon the prosperity and harmony that characterized the labors of the Companions

during the Capitular Year, and we believe that, in a large measure, this enviable result has been obtained because of the zealous efforts and untiring application of Most Excellent Companion Hubbard to the duties of his office. May this Grand Chapter never lack for Companions to fill the position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest whose conception of duty and love for Masonry will be as marked as in the present occupant of the office."

This estimate is borne out in our subsequent investigation of his record to the end of his service of three years in the office.

It was resolved to invite the General Grand Chapter to hold its Thirty-third Triennial Convocation in 1906 at Boston.

Second Quarterly Convocation was held June 7.

A memorial to the memory of John Kettell Hall, a Past Deputy Grand High Priest, was read and, with the Companions standing, adopted. He died at the age of ninety-six years and had been active in Masonry for fifty-seven years. He is mentioned as of versatile talents, and a prolific writer on Masonic subjects.

A communication was read accepting the invitation for the 1906 meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and a committee was appointed to fix the time and make all arrangements.

At the close of the Convocation a banquet was held, at which addresses were made by Grand Chaplain R. Perry Bush and by Edwin D. Mead, a well-known writer and editor of Boston.

The Third Quarterly Convocation was held September 13.

A memorial was read to the memory of deceased Companion Henry Goddard, Grand Scribe in 1859, who had been active in the Fraternity from his early manhood. He died January 12, 1904, aged eighty-one years. That the principles of Masonry found full fruition in his life and character may be inferred from the statement of one of his former employes, who, on learning of his death, said: "Never a better man died but

one, and He was our Saviour." What an inestimable tribute, to be ranked next to the Perfect Man!

Deceased Companion John Beckford Hill, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1888, was also memorialized. He died March 29, 1904, at the age of eighty. He, too, left an enviable record, the summary of which may be noticed with profit by the reader:

"Self-controlled at all times, gentle of speech and manner, successful in his business but generous of his means, unmovable in his convictions, but kindly considerate of the opinions of others, mild and loving in his home, pure in his manhood, true to his every responsibility, he was a man whom the people sincerely respected, a Mason whom Masons loved."

A committee having considered the matter of "District Exemplifications" of the degrees, made this report, which was adopted:

"(1) District Exemplifications shall be held in every district under this Grand Jurisdiction at least once in two years, the Grand High Priest granting a dispensation therefor; and it shall be the duty of the Deputy of the district to make all necessary arrangements for holding the same.

"(2) When a District Exemplification is held in any district under this Grand Jurisdiction, the officers of every Chapter shall be required to take part in the work.

"(3) The Grand Chapter shall pay the Grand Lecturer for his services at a District Exemplification, all other expenses to be paid for by the several Chapters in the district where the Exemplification is held."

The matter of procuring a steel plate at a cost of $300 to $500 for printing diplomas for retiring High Priests was considered, and determined adversely. It is the general custom in the Chapters to present these officers with jewels, and that was considered a sufficient recognition of their services.

A banquet was served at the close of this session, and addresses were delivered by Elwyn G. Preston, Esq., Secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and Hon. Samuel B. Capen, President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, who were special guests for the occasion.

The Annual Convocation was held December 13, 1904. The morning and afternoon were devoted to exemplification of the Chapter degrees by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by the officers and past officers of the various Chapters. Some portion of the officers of fifty-eight Chapters was present at the ceremonies.

In the evening the annual reports of officers and committees were rendered. In the financial statement we find abundant funds in the treasury, but that less than $200 was expended in the cause of charity. We hope there was no occasion for more. The Grand Secretary's salary was increased from $500 to $750.

A memorial to Companion John E. Hamer, Grand Scribe in 1898, was presented. He died October 19, 1904, seventy-five years of age. Although his life's journey began in the humbler paths, he reached the goal of success as a man of business, a citizen, a husband and father, and as a faithful, conscientious, ardent worker in Masonry.

Preceding the election of officers, the retiring Grand High Priest, Companion Hubbard, read his annual address. It reviews his administration of the office for the past year, and concludes with a profound and eloquent discussion of Masonic ideals. To present excerpts from it is to miss its beauty as a whole. We would like to give our Companions an opportunity to read it, but space will not permit.

Companion J. Gilman Waite presents his seventh Report on Correspondence, in which the doings of our Grand Chapter for 1903 are noticed at some length. He quotes our Companion Bates' argument for "the right to withdraw an application prior to ballot," but evidently it does not satisfy him. He says our practice is not in accordance with general custom; that an application should go to ballot. Of course, we are sorry to be

discordant with the general custom, but we find our rule to work well, both in Lodge and Chapter.

Harry Hunt, Melrose, M. E. Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Masonic Temple, Boston, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MICHIGAN, 1905.

Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Masonic Temple, Detroit, January 17, 1905. One hundred and thirty-seven Chapters, all but two in the Jurisdiction, were represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Michael B. McGee, we learn that harmony and good will prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

He announces the death of two distinguished Companions—Dr. John L. Mitchell and Dr. David C. Spaulding, both Past Grand High Priests, and much beloved by their brethren.

A number of decisions and dispensations were rendered, all of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Chairman of which, we observe, was the brainy, big-hearted, conspicuous veteran in Masonry generally, P. G. H. P. Hugh McCurdy, who has fought his way to an honorable success in all the affairs of life, and stands pre-eminent in the love and esteem of his Masonic brethren.

This committee congratulated the Grand High Priest "on the sound judgment, clear head, and pure heart, which he exercised in the discharge of the important matters which were brought under his care."

One of the decisions may interest our Companions and serve as a guide in similar cases. A brother has been approved for the degrees and membership in a Chapter, but before any de-

grees were conferred, he was charged with a criminal offense, and was waiting trial in the local court. Pending his trial, which appears to have been somewhat delayed, the applicant demanded that the degrees be conferred upon him or that the initiation fee be returned. The Grand High Priest, ruling on the case, said:

"If the brother has violated any of the laws of the State or Nation it is a Masonic offense. If you believe him guilty you should not confer any degrees upon him. Judging from the position he takes it is my opinion that he is not a desirable candidate. If no objection is made to the conferring of the degrees I advise that you do not confer any degrees upon him until after the trial."

In this the right principle is enunciated, but were such a case to arise in our Jurisdiction, and the applicant should take the same foolhardy position, we should hope that an objection would be entered against him and his fee returned. Thereafter, if upon a final disposition of his case in the court, his good character should be vindicated, a second petition could be presented by him to the Chapter.

Another decision applied to the Scribe of a Chapter, whom disease had incapacitated for further attention to Chapter work. He had rendered signal service to his Chapter for years, and was highly esteemed by his Companions, who desired to make him an "honorary Past High Priest" and present him with a jewel of that office. The Grand High Priest wisely declined to permit it, on the ground that there was no authority in the law for such proceedings, and that it "would have a tendency to cheapen the office of High Priest and establish a very bad precedent."

From a sketch of Companion McGee, printed in the book of Proceedings, we learn that he is a self-made man and came to the front on his own merits. That he was a success as Grand High Priest is shown by his able address.

Another officer who is evidently the right man in the right place is the Grand Secretary, Companion Charles A. Conover, whose report indicates a thorough business administration of the office. He has adopted the card index system in preparing a membership record, or register, and thinks theirs will be the most complete of any Grand Chapter in existence. A specimen card is presented, which appears to be complete in detail.

The net increase in membership of Chapters was 678 over the previous year, and $1452 was received for the Masonic Home as the per capita tax on paying members.

At the suggestion of the Committee on Correspondence, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, organized April 27, 1892. A similar application from the Grand Chapter of Western Australia was deferred for another year.

The Masonic Home report shows satisfactory conditions. Total number in the Home at date of report, both sexes, 52. Average cost per week per inmate, $3.42.

Several amendments to the Constitution were adopted, among them one to change the time for the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter from January to May, to conform to a change made in the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lecturer having so recommended, it was determined to furnish each Chapter with a "Black Book," in which shall be recorded all rejections, suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements. It is appropriately named.

Amid all the serious business relating to Capitular Masonry that engaged the attention of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, we find a relaxation from the "heat and burden of the day" in the consideration of "souvenir badges." A committee consisting of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Lecturer, and a Past Grand High Priest, rendered a report, which was adopted,

stating that after "voluminous correspondence with manufacturers throughout the country," they had adopted a badge, to be made of copper bronze (emblematic of the Copper State) "suitable for use either as a souvenir badge for our own annual convocations, *or for the purpose of exchange at triennial convocations of the General Grand Chapter by the representatives of this Grand Chapter.*" The Grand Secretary was instructed to buy 1000 of such badges at twenty-two cents each, and to supply each of the representatives to the General Grand Chapter with one dozen, and as many more as each shall desire, at cost.

This is something new to our experience, perhaps because we do not belong to the General Grand Chapter and do not know how they do things there. We assume, however, that Michigan's representatives to the General Grand Chapter are men of mature years, dignified, and not given to vanity or display. Imagine them then, with their pockets bulging with twenty-two cent badges of copper bronze, trading with the representatives of other Grand Chapters for other twenty-two cent pieces of copper bronze, brass, or iron, and pinning them in rows upon their manly breasts, like the decorations worn by the scions of royalty, who by them show their heroic services to their country, drawing large salaries and pensions! The badge fiend is much to be dreaded.

Honor and respect for those who have served as Grand High Priest are not forgotten in Michigan. At the opening of the Convocation the "roll of honor," the list of deceased Grand High Priests, is called—a fine display of sentiment, in memory to recall them to their midst; and at the close of this Convocation the oldest living Grand High Priest was called upon for his early reminiscences relating to the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1848, in which he participated; the retiring Grand

High Priest was presented with a jewel; and "Brother Hugh," as Companion McCurdy is affectionately called, installed the newly-elected officers.

Companion C. A. Conover presented his third Report on Correspondence. It is a discriminating and well-constructed review of the Proceedings of fifty Grand Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania for 1903, which is treated with kindly comment. His survey of the broad field of Capitular Masonry finds no cloud of trouble, discord or contention, but peace, contentment, and prosperity to prevail.

Thomas H. Williams, Jackson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MINNESOTA, 1905.

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held at St. Paul, October 10, 1905, all but seven Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George Forsyth, reports peace, harmony, and prosperity in the Jurisdiction.

He announced the death of P. G. High Priest William Parker Jewett, who left behind him an honorable record as a citizen, a man of business, and a Mason.

No decisions were reported, and the address relates to matters of interest only to that Jurisdiction.

Reports of other officers and committees show efficient administration of Grand Chapter affairs, and substantial gain in membership and funds.

Two Chapters under dispensation were granted charters, and a dispensation for a new Chapter at St. Paul was refused, be-

cause it was recommended by only two of the three existing Chapters in the city.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion Thomas Montgomery, P. G. High Priest, who is also Grand Secretary. He has made it short "for economical and other reasons." The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1904 are given considerable attention, however, in comparison with some others, and with no adverse comments. As a brief report of the doings of the several Grand Jurisdictions, the Companions of Minnesota will no doubt find it of value.

Frederick Bloom, Woodstock, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, M. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MISSISSIPPI, 1905.

Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation, at Jackson, February 21, 1905, John Foggo Dixon, Grand High Priest.

In the address of the Grand High Priest our attention is arrested by his refusal of a dispensation to ballot for and confer the degrees on several candidates in subordinate Chapter, without the usual delay, "for the good and sufficient reason that these candidates proposed to use the Chapter as a stepping-stone to the Commandery and the Shrine." We commend him for his action, but he might have gone farther and advised the Chapter not to admit them at all, assuming that his statement as to their purpose was based on undenied fact. It is questionable if a man would be a worthy member of any Masonic organization who would show such contempt for Capitular Masonry. The Chapter is too sacred and important to be considered only a vestibule to other apartments of the Masonic edifice. The Chapter is co-ordinate with the other Masonic

bodies, and its teachings are not less beautiful, cultivating, and ennobling.

In this Jurisdiction they have a Committee on Capitular Law and Jurisprudence, to which, apparently, questions of law are submitted for decision without being passed upon by the Grand High Priest. The committee presented a report at this Convocation, which, we presume, was adopted by the Grand Chapter, though the copy of Proceedings before us does not say so. Two decisions were rendered, as follows:

"Greenwood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 102, stated that the Secretary had informed an applicant, who was a minister, that no fees would be charged for the degrees, but would be collected merely as a matter of form and then refunded, and asked an opinion thereon.

"The Committee was of the opinion that said fee could not be refunded. It recognized the fact that in a general way a Chapter has the right to make a donation for any purpose that to it seems meet and proper, but not with that end in view.

"Columbus Chapter, No. 4, after electing two candidates stopped one after taking one degree and the other after taking two and wanted to know whether to refund the fee. The Committee was of the opinion that as the fees are not divided, as in the Blue Lodge, being not less than $20.00 for the four degrees and as only one ballot is taken for all the degrees, it seemed that all are included in one, the right or privilege of objection cannot be curtailed or abridged. When a candidate is stopped before being exalted to the Royal Arch degree, we think, as a matter of justice, the fee should be returned."

"Ministerial privilege" in the shape of exemption from dues and fees seems to crop out everywhere. It may be doubtful if the average compensation to the ministerial profession is high enough, but we venture to guess that this Chapter has members who can as little afford to pay fees and dues as the minister. The moral habit of the minister may be superior to the average layman member of the Chapter, and his moral and social influence may be good for the body. So may his intellectual qualities. But it would be a confession of weakness in

Masonry to admit that its own teachings and influences are not sufficient, and that a premium must be offered for the superior moral and intellectual initiate. The decision is in line with the best thought and practice on the subject. After a minister or any other worthy man becomes a member of a Chapter, and such a degree of financial misfortune befalls him that his membership is endangered, then is the time to remit his dues, or help him with an open palm as to a brother.

The second decision, as to the amount of fees to be returned, is undoubtedly right. But we wonder what is meant by the words "stopped one after taking one degree," etc. It is not disclosed whether charges were preferred, or whether a mere objection, as we understand it, prevented further advancement of the candidate. If the latter, we assume it was in accordance with the law of the Jurisdiction. We venture to dissent from such a regulation. After a candidate has crossed the threshhold of the Chapter, he should have been so thoroughly investigated as to be entitled to the right of advancement unless upon trial he is found guilty of some Masonic shortcoming.

The Committee on Subordinate Chapters reported its regrets that interest is waning in some of the Chapters, and attributes it to the discontinuance of the services of an efficient and well-paid Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Secretary reported the sunlight and shadows of the conditions of the Craft as follows:

"The past year has been an unusually prosperous one and so far as the returns received disclose, show a very gratifying increase in our membership, but there are still quite a large number of Chapters which have failed to send in their returns. There are also a number of delinquent Chapters for 1903. I have used every endeavor to induce these Chapters to make their returns, but I fear that there are a number of them which have fallen into such a state of decay that their dissolution in the near future is inevitable. Undoubtedly it is owing to Companion Spinks' frequent visitations that a number of weak Chapters were kept alive and that without

some plan of supervision is inaugurated, the work of disintegration will continue. The question, of course, is an open one, as to whether a body which requires constant coddling is worth maintaining. It is possible that the Craft at large would be benefited if such Chapters were permitted to die out and their membership transferred to other Chapters, thereby strengthening them."

Mississippi is not alone with the problem. We all have our weak spots, and like the parent, we worry over the indifferent child. Patience and perseverance are admirable virtues.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion P. M. Savery, who does not believe in expressing his opinions about, nor in giving his advice to, other Grand Jurisdictions. He would avoid the practice of the criticising reviewer, but at the same time he issues a warning to anyone who might think of attacking some of his hobbies.

Proceedings of Pennsylvania Grand Chapter for 1903 are given extended notice.

E. Ernest Clement, Ocean Springs, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MISSOURI, 1905.

Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held at St. Louis, April 25, 1905, and continued for two days.

The first business was the address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Lewis F. McCoy. He announced the death, October 12, 1904, of Companion Rev. John D. Vincent, who, he said, filled high and prominent positions among Masons, and of the beloved Companion the Committee on Necrology would make proper mention. We find no reference to the Companion's death or Masonic record, however, in this Committee's

report, but by referring to the list of past and present grand officers of the Jurisdiction, we learn that he was, during several years, Grand Chaplain.

Among the decisions is the following:

"December 2, 1904, Helm Chapter, No. 117, Kennett, asked the following: We have a Companion, who was tried and convicted in the blue Lodge, for unmasonic conduct and suspended for a term of ten years, this fact having been certified to our Chapter, and we noted the fact on our records. Now, in less than one year, the same blue Lodge reinstated him and certifies this fact to our Chapter. We desire your opinion as to whether or not this reinstates him in the Chapter, and if so, has the Chapter the right to prefer charges against him after having been tried in the lower Lodge?"

"*Answer.* 1st. I held that the Companion was legally suspended.

"2nd. That because the Lodge reinstated him it does not follow that the Chapter did, but ought to on account of there being no charges preferred against him at the time of the Lodge's certificate of reinstatement.

"3rd. That the Chapter has the right to prefer charges against its members independently of any other bodies ruling, but should not, in my opinion, punish a Companion for an offense committed after he had been once punished for the same offense in another body."

This decision was overruled by the Grand Chapter at the suggestion of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as in conflict with their law and previous decisions on the subject, it being held, "that reinstatement of the Companion in the Blue Lodge reinstated him in the Chapter." This we believe is generally accepted as the correct principle.

Another Chapter asked: "Would it be right and proper to place the minutes of the Chapter in the hands of a young lady for typewriting, the same to be put in loose leaf minute book?" This was very properly answered in the negative.

Among the dispensations granted is this:

"December 17, 1904, to Putnam Chapter, U. D., located at Unionville, to ballot upon petitions and confer the degrees the same night of its organization, December 17, 1904, after said petitions had been scrutinized and

passed upon by our Grand Scribe, Companion David M. Wilson, who was appointed to institute said Chapter."

Subsequently he made this recommendation to the Grand Chapter:

"I would respectfully recommend that the Grand Chapter adopt a law allowing the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to all new Chapters just organized U. D. to ballot on at least three petitions to be selected by the proposed officers of the new Chapters and allowing them to confer all the degrees upon these three candidates the night that they are organized. I find that this is the rule with most of the State Grand Chapters."

It would appear that the Grand High Priest had knowingly exceeded his authority, or afterwards discovered his mistake. On report of the Jurisprudence Committee both dispensation and recommendation were disapproved.

He also recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from $1200 to $1500, on account of the increased work of the office, and further, that "his position calls for the entertainment of prominent Masons from all over the civilized world, at his own expense." This was no doubt suggested by the open-handed hospitality of the then Grand Secretary, Companion William H. Mayo, whose widely-extended acquaintance in the Fraternity brought him in contact with prominent Masonic visitors to St. Louis, and of whom the Grand High Priest says, "it being most generally acknowledged that our present Grand Secretary is worthy of all the praise that could be accorded him."

The recommendation for the increase of the salary was adopted, but the benefit did not accrue to Companion Mayo, as he retired from the office at this Convocation, and was succeeded by Companion Robert F. Stevenson who was Grand High Priest in 1886, and Grand Lecturer from 1899 to 1905.

The committee to which the Grand High Priest's address

was referred congratulated him on his satisfactory report and the success of his labors, and stated that he deserved the commendation of the Craft.

Elaborate reports were submitted by the officers and managers of the Masonic Home, located at St. Louis. The institution was in flourishing condition, caring for 139 persons, of both sexes, and plans were making for an additional building to cost $28,000.

A rather lengthy report was read by the Committee on Necrology, touching the death of prominent brethren of other Jurisdictions, which, we might believe, "got on the *nerves*" of some of the Companions, for at the suggestion of a Companion the Grand Chapter resolved, "that the Committee on *Neurology* shall hereafter be confined to reading of that part in its report, to the deceased under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, etc." We presume, however, the printer must be held responsible for anything queer in this. In this connection, we read that on report of Committee of Address of Grand High Priest, it was ordered that a memorial page be set aside in the Proceedings to the memory of Companion John D. Vincent. The memorial page is, however, conspicuous by its absence, and this deceased Companion is once again forgotten. Altogether, the subject of necrology was badly handled in Missouri this time—by the printer, of course!

The Committee on Returns of Chartered Chapters, among other things, reported this:

"It is easy to find fault, yet we feel justified in saying, that year after year this committee has called attention to the extreme carelessness on the part of a majority of the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters; and although explicit instructions as to the manner of making out returns, have been furnished said officers, yet said instructions have not been heeded, and the rosters of names are jumbled together regardless of alphabetical order—dates are omitted—initials are used instead of Christian names—in

short, it would seem that in some cases the utter lack of qualifications, or the most reckless disregard of accuracy has been the thing aimed at, in the selection of Secretaries.

"Let us hope the lay members will take the matter in hand and remedy the evil by the election of a competent official to this important position.

"We recommend that this report be issued in circular form and a copy thereof mailed the last week in November, 1905, to the High Priest and Secretary of each subordinate Chapter with instructions to have it read aloud in open Chapter."

We disclaim any intention of directing particular attention to deficiencies in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri as reported in this Proceeding with a view of exulting over them, but on the contrary, we commend the brethren for their frank admission of them to one another, and their desire and efforts to correct them. It is a wise man who will acknowledge his limitations and strive to get out of them.

It is noted that caution is exercised in chartering new Chapters. Of three under dispensation, one was granted a charter, and two continued under dispensation for another year.

Peace and harmony are reported throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer, who has charge of the ritual work, reported that by reason of insufficient compensation for his services and expenses, he was unable to accomplish, in the performance of his duties, results desired by him, expected of him, and which conditions made necessary. He reports a discouraging state of affairs in the Chapters in respect to efficiency of the officers in rendering the ritual. His report was referred to a special committee, which, in its efforts to remedy matters, recommended a change in the law providing for the appointment of ten district deputies, and compensation to the amount of $2250 per annum for salary and expenses of the Grand Lecturer, who was to devote his entire time to the duties of his office. The proposition was, however, rejected by the Grand Chapter.

Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Mayo, who bids adieu to the Guild in the following words:

"Finally, Companions, after thirty years official connection with the Royal Craft of Missouri, twenty-seven years of which its Grand Secretary and Correspondent, we must step aside and give place to other and newer hands. We take pleasure in introducing our successor to the Guild, in saying that he is no novice in Freemasonry or tyro with the pen, having served the Grand Lodge of Masons of this State one year as Grand Master, and one year each as Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters; and for many years past serving usually as Chairman of some important Committee in each of the State Masonic Grand Bodies with more than ordinary ability. He is both logical and philosophical in his writings, having frequently contributed articles to magazines and periodicals. We bespeak for him your kind consideration."

Companion Mayo has been a conspicuous figure in Masonic affairs not only in Missouri, but throughout the country. A man of positive character, abilities for organization of a high order, and of great vigor in the performance of those duties assigned to him in shaping the affairs of the Craft. He will be missed by his many friends who are accustomed to his forceful way of doing and saying things Masonic; and it is to be hoped that his interest in the Fraternity will be alive and active, even though it may not be his duty to lead and direct.

To his successor, who is so well equipped to carry on the work, we bid a cordial welcome, and extend to him "our most distinguished consideration."

Nathan J. Swetland, Chillicothe, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Robert F. Stevenson, Kansas City, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

MONTANA, 1904.

Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Helena, October 4, 1904.

The record begins with a portrait and sketch of the retiring Grand High Priest, Companion Alexander D. Macdonald, in which sketch among other things, the Craft is enlightened as to his brand of politics.

His annual address begins with a reference to the peace and prosperity of the country,

"notwithstanding the fact that we are in the midst of a Presidential campaign, when politics and politicians necessarily occupy the center of the stage to the supposed detriment of legitimate business enterprise."

He further says,

"this Grand Jurisdiction has partaken of the general prosperity, and the Capitular Year just closed was one of unusual activity."

He reports at some length his visitations to fifteen of the sixteen subordinate Chapters, traveling many hundred miles, and devoting much time in performing that duty. He was commended and thanked by the Grand Chapter for his zeal and fidelity.

Apparently as the result of his observation of the work and conditions of the Chapters he makes several recommendations:

1. A regulation requiring examination of the candidate in open Chapter, in the preceding degree, before advancing him. This was not approved by the Grand Chapter.

2. Their law requires the candidate, after selecting his Mark, to enter it in the proper book before being exalted. He found but two Books of Marks complete in the Jurisdiction, and believed that the Secretary should be made responsible for the enforcement of the law. But the Grand Chapter did not agree with him. In a strict sense the Grand Chapter is right; but it would be easy to make a regulation requiring the High Priest, before conferring the R. A. degree, to inquire in open Chapter, of the Secretary, who is the custodian of the record, if the

candidate's mark is recorded, and if not, to defer the work until the law is complied with.

3. He was astonished at the variety of ways in which the signs and grips were given in the Chapters, and had done what he could to make them uniform, although he was not sure he had them right himself! He recommended that a committee of "well-informed" Companions be appointed to consider, decide upon, and exemplify before "this Grand Convocation," the signs and grips of each degree. Evidently there was some doubt about finding such a committee then and there, for it was decided that "Grand Council" should constitute the committee for that purpose and exemplify the grips and signs at the next Annual Convocation. This was a wise plan, in view of the Grand High Priest's statement as to the variety of tongues in the mystical language of the Jurisdiction. Immediate action on the matter might have created a serious Babel among the brethren.

One of the decisions (or rather indecision) of the Grand High Priest is this:

"*By Dillon Chapter, No.* 8. May dues be considered in arrears when not paid in advance, in the absence of by-laws stating that they shall be so paid?

"*Answer.* The Grand Chapter has nothing whatever to do with the collection of dues by a subordinate Chapter. Each Chapter makes its own regulations, subject only to the approval of Grand Chapter."

The decision (?) was approved by the Grand Chapter, on report of its Committee on Jurisprudence, and so far as official dictum goes, the inquiring Chapter is where it started on the subject. Although the law of common sense should have enabled Dillon Chapter to answer the question for itself, yet in our opinion the Grand High Priest should have done so when it came to him. His reply contradicts itself. If the regulations

of the Chapter relative to dues must be approved by the Grand Chapter, surely the latter body must have some authority over the manner in which they are applied. But this is the point we make—it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to assist and advise the subordinate Chapters, if possible, whenever called upon, and no matter how trivial the subject of its appeal to him, the superior wisdom and knowledge which his elevation to the office presumes him to possess, should always be at its service.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show a substantial gain in membership and a comfortable balance in the treasury.

Report on Correspondence was again written by Companion Cornelius Hedges, who says of our Grand Chapter that he has perused its record for 1903 with "interest, admiration, and instruction." He congratulates Pennsylvania "on having so many able writers on correspondence." We take off our hats to Companion Hedges and return the compliment.

After his review of the activities of Royal Arch Masonry, he concludes that "it is thriving in all countries where it has been planted." His only criticism is, "that it is not as generally and actively engaged in the work of charity" as he would like to see it. We have the same thought.

H. T. Cumming, Granite, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Helena, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

NEBRASKA, 1904.

Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, at Omaha, December 14, 1904, Grand High Priest Benjamin F. Thomas presiding.

Representatives from thirty-four of the fifty-four Chapters and one under dispensation were in attendance.

In his address, the Grand High Priest reports that most of the Chapters are in a prosperous condition, and, with few exceptions, all are doing good work.

He dwells upon the obvious necessity for active, enthusiastic, and competent officers in the Chapters, to accomplish the best results, and we wish he had suggested some plan that would guarantee the selection of such officers. Too often are they chosen without regard to their qualifications and the demands of the offices.

The condition of some of the weak Chapters was presented, and the advisability of forfeiting their Charters suggested, but no action was taken in the matter except to refer it to the incoming Grand High Priest.

No requests were made to him for any decisions, from which he concluded that "the High Priests in this Grand Jurisdiction are thoroughly conversant with the law."

A question relating to ritualistic work was submitted to him by the Grand Lecturer, of which they were both in doubt, and the General Grand High Priest was sought for guidance. Satisfactory answers had not, however, been received, so it was determined that the incoming Grand High Priest should try again for light.

Announcement was made of the dedication of the Nebraska Masonic Home, on June 9, 1904—another star in the galaxy of Masonic charities.

Recommendation was made for a change in the law to provide that after the Mark degree is conferred, a candidate may not be stopped in his advancement unless charges are preferred against him. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which the

recommendation was referred, reported it, advising the amendment in this form:

"After the degree of Mark Master has been conferred upon the candidate, if an objection is interposed, the objection must be considered and disposed of by the Chapter as it shall determine, by a two-thirds vote."

This amendment and others suggested by the committee were laid over for consideration at the next Annual Convocation. In our opinion the Grand High Priest had the proper idea of how the law should be changed.

A Committee on Codification of the Laws of the Jurisdiction was directed by the Grand Chapter to compile the law and present for consideration at the next annual Convocation.

At the close of the Convocation the Companions were entertained by Past Grand High Priest Lininger at his home and the Lininger Art Gallery, to celebrate the Companion's seventy-first birthday.

The thirteenth Report on Correspondence is by Companion Charles J. Phelps for the committee. It shows a close reading of the Proceedings of the many sister Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania, the salient features of our doings for 1903 being reviewed.

Francis McGiverin, Fremont, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

NEVADA, 1905.

Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, at Carson City, June 12, 1905.

The session opened with the address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Herman Levy, in which was briefly announced the death of Past Grand High Priest, Trenmor Coffin.

Attention is directed by him to the fact that the by-laws of subordinate Chapters do not specify the hour of the day for regular meetings, and therefore the High Priest "may take snap judgment" on an absent member when an important matter is to be considered. Right you are, Companion Levy, and we are glad to note that your Grand Chapter saw the force of your suggestion, and resolved that a remedy be applied.

He also calls attention to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, which show a loss in membership and a deficit in the finances. There are seven Chapters in this Jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 323.

To revert to the opening of the Grand Chapter at this Convocation, it is observed that five Chapters were represented, and a total of twenty persons, including Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Chapter Representatives, present and entitled to seats. Well, all honor to these faithful Companions! They may be able to keep the Capitular lights burning, but, poor Nevada! *"Volens et Potens!"*

No business of special importance was considered, and the Convocation closed, after accepting the invitation of the local Lodge and Chapter to a banquet.

A sparkling addition to the Proceedings is the Report on Correspondence of Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth. It is replete with good and original thought, expressed in a manner to command attention. He reviews Pennsylvania for 1904, and replies to some comments of our worthy ex-correspondent, Companion Codding, on the subject, "Masonry as a Progressive Science," presented by Companion Vanderlieth the year before. We are not in the mood to pursue the discussion at length, but cannot refrain from repeating the thought of Companion Codding, that the principles dealt with by Masonry have never changed; they are the same "yesterday, to-day and

forever." Masonry has not discovered any new, nor improved the old. As an instrument for disseminating and enforcing the correct moral relations of society, in the field of the science of teaching, it has advanced. This is progress in method, not in substance. In fact, Masonry is not different to-day from a hundred years ago, except that its votaries are better prepared to appreciate and exploit it.

We note in Companion Vanderlieth's conclusion to his report that in his opinion never has the ideal Masonic life been so beautifully stated as in the catechism of the Protestant Episcopal Church, defining the duty of man to God and his fellowman.

George Gillson, Carson City, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chauncey M. Noteware, Carson City, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1904.

Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, at St. John, August 24, 1904, presided over by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion W. A. D. Steven, the Grand High Priest being absent.

Nine Chapters were represented by forty Companions.

The address of the Grand High Priest, Companion Frank A. Godsoe, introduced the business of the session. He reported a small increase in the ranks, harmony and good feeling in the Jurisdiction, but regrets that a certain amount of apathy exists in the Chapters. He strikes the keynote of the situation in this:

"We find in some Chapters the work falls upon the shoulders of a few, and they are generally Past Officers of the Chapter; a state of affairs due either to neglect on the part of the Officers, or their inability to execute the duties of their office. In either case the Chapter suffers, and I think it

is the duty of the Grand Body to see if this cannot be remedied. It may be that Officers are chosen (irrespective of their efficiency) by being regularly advanced, for fear of hurting someone's feelings, and while this is very nice as far as sentiment is concerned, sentiment should not be permitted to usurp the place of judgment, and the sooner the Chapters stop it the better for the Craft."

He also believes that lack of interest in the Jurisdiction is due to the ignorance of the members in the work of the degrees, and suggests examinations of the candidates as they progress.

That he has a due appreciation of the dignity and importance of Capitular Masonry, may be seen in the following:

"The fact that the Chapter is a most important part of Masonry, and not a side issue, or connected with any other body; that it is equal in every respect with all other branches of Freemasonry; that its ritual is not surpassed; beautiful in thought and expression, instructive and ennobling in its teaching, recommends it to all true Masons as something to have, and to hold."

On the subject of "ritual" he has this to say:

"This is a subject that has been uppermost in the minds of the Craft for many years, and has never reached a satisfactory solution. Since this Grand Chapter was instituted it has never had a ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter as official, and the several subordinate Chapters have been using rituals differing in many respects, the one from the other."

"This has been a most lamentable state of affairs, and casts reflection on this Grand Chapter. My predecessors have endeavoured during their term of office to have this matter rectified, but without apparent success; and upon assuming office I decided, if at all possible, that it should be settled, and a ritual adopted by Grand Chapter which would be the official ritual of Capitular Masonry in New Brunswick."

Of the same matter the committee to which was referred the Grand High Priest's address said:

"Grand Chapter will, no doubt, heartily concur in the desire expressed by the Grand High Priest that a standard Ritual should be adopted, and it must be glad to know that some progress has been made in the matter. There have been difficulties in the way, difficulties which originate in the

fact that when Grand Chapter was formed there were in use in this Province two widely different rituals originating in practically two somewhat different theories of the Royal Arch degree. The Scottish Chapters had naturally an affection for the ritual to which they were accustomed, and this feeling was intensified by the fact that what is called the American ritual has not appealed strongly to their sympathies. However, time, which settles everything, is settling this question also. Uniformity of Ritual is a most desirable thing. An effective working by a Chapter of the ritual which it knows does not, however, depend so much upon a ritualistic uniformity as on the knowledge, understanding, zeal and capability of its office-bearers and its members."

A committee previously appointed to report a uniform ritual, had not completed its work at this Convocation, and the matter was deferred.

In seeking causes for apathy, lack of interest, etc., it seems to us that the Companions of New Brunswick may find one significant in the ritual matter, and the sooner it is settled the better it will be for the organization. The Grand High Priest says, "the subject has been uppermost in the minds of the Craft for many years." What incentive have the officers and members to familiarize themselves with the ritualistic degrees if "different theories of the Royal Arch Degree" exist, and a change of work is always imminent? Whether it be the plan of the "Scottish Chapters," or the "American ritual," uniformity is necessary to a homogeneous organization, and in that only may the brethren feel that they belong to the same Masonic family and have a common interest. We predict that when the ritual question is settled, Capitular Masonry in New Brunswick will have a satisfactory awakening.

In the report of the Executive Committee we find mention of a "letter from R. E. Charles F. Wignall, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and our representative near that Grand Body," on the matter of registering marks. We wish there was some way to inform our New Brunswick

Companions that although Companion Wignall is one of our most worthy and estimable brethren, he would not desire to usurp the honors of the office of Grand Secretary, now so modestly and gracefully borne by our Companion Charles Cary.

Announcement was made of the death of Companion Robert Marshall, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1897, "one who deservedly achieved honor and distinction, both in Masonic and civil life, and whose kindness of heart and gentleness of disposition won for him the regard of all who knew him."

No report on Correspondence.

Frank A. Godsoe, St. John, M. E. Grand High Priest.

William B. Wallace, K. C., St. John, R. E. Grand Secretary.

T. F. P.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1905.

This was the eighty-sixth Annual Convocation and the Proceedings are introduced by the picture of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Alpheus Wooster Baker, who was Grand High Priest in 1884–1885, and died April 11, 1905.

Twenty-one Chapters were represented; the Grand Officers were in their places; ten Past Grand High Priests, with a long list of Past High Priests and Grand Representatives and visitors, were in attendance, Comp. Samuel Condon appearing for Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a pointed and appropriate statement of his administration and is a very readable paper and gives evidence of his love for Capitular Masonry and consequent activities in the performance of his duty and is pervaded by a proper spirit of devoutness, opening as follows:

"With a heart filled with gratitude to the Supreme Architect of Heaven

and Earth, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed unto us as men and Masons during the past year, I greet you, my Companions, and cordially welcome you at the opening of this, the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire."

About five of the fourteen pages of his address are taken up with kindly mention of the fraternal dead.

The Grand Masonic bodies of New Hampshire seem to be acquiring a joint library, which is an excellent and commendable purpose, and it has attained such proportions as to make additional space necessary, proper steps for securing which were taken by the presiding officers.

But three dispensations were granted during the year.

On May 28, 1904, Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe of Philadelphia, was commissioned to be Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Several waivers of jurisdiction were approved.

The Grand High Priest's visitations, either in person or by proxy, were numerous, an account of which takes about five pages of his address, and regarding those made in person he says:

"On all visits I have been received with the courtesy and respect due my rank and station. The kindly greetings from the Companions whom I have met will be long remembered as a most pleasing feature of my visitations."

His criticisms regarding the work, the lectures, becoming familiar with and imparting the lessons intended to be taught are plain, honest, unvarnished, outspoken statements of the conditions as he found them, and while expressed kindly they carry with them the conviction that he firmly believes what he says, and he says it for the purpose of benefiting the Chapters rather than by reason of it affording him personal pleasure.

The Book of Marks seems to have received attention on every visit and in nearly every instance it was not in satisfactory shape. Regarding Belknap Chapter, No. 8, of Dover, he says:

"The records are kept in a manner which calls forth my commendation and praise. The Book of Marks is one of the finest in this Grand Jurisdiction and something of which the Companions of Belknap Chapter may well be proud."

Besides the visitations made by the Grand High Priest, he assigned six Chapters each to the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe, all of whom performed their duties well and make encouraging reports as to the interest manifested by the Companions and the generally satisfactory conditions prevailing in the Jurisdiction of their respective visits.

The Grand High Priest suggests and recommends a practice that to a limited extent, as we understand, has long been recognized in our Grand Jurisdiction, viz., that they arrange Convocations for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the several degrees. He urges the following very good reason:

"I find many variations from the established work in different Chapters, and if most of the officers of each Chapter would meet together and see all the degrees exemplified, they could correct many mistakes and misunderstandings."

Another matter worthy of note is found in the following from the Grand High Priest's address:

"I have observed a tendency of some Chapters to incorporate in their By-Laws some of the regulations of this Grand Chapter. I decidedly disapprove of such practice, for, without intending to change the law, words may be employed which would bear such interpretation; and subsequently, when by-laws are modified or repealed, some members might be led to conclude that the provisions were not afterwards to be binding as law. All by-laws of subordinate Chapters should deal with the affairs of the Chapter only."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $1447.60.

The sentiment expressed by the Committee on Memorial on the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Alpheus W. Baker is of such noble character as to deserve a place in this report, and if read and considered will do us good.

"His jewels were not only those of office, which are put on and off, but also of sterling character, which are worn at all times, and which constitute true riches. His public career, like his family and his Masonic life, was courteous and thoughtful for the comfort of others. His tongue was unusually guarded in expressing adverse judgments on his associates, neighbors, or his rivals in office; he knew what to conceal and when to reveal. He needed no watching, but worked with as much fidelity when alone as when sharing responsibilities with others. His judgment was sound, therefore, often sought when public matters needed wise counsel. No considerations of office or personal emoluments could persuade him to compromise his sense of duty; he acted because he believed that he was right. The cordial handshake and sunny smile, that were characteristic of his personality, made him welcome everywhere, and contributed much to the facility with which he transacted public business with some who are generally regarded as uncomfortable. Society in general, and Masonry in particular, are heavy losers when such a silver cord has snapped, and such a golden bowl is broken at the fountain of earthly life; yet we know that by that river, the streams whereof 'make glad the city of God,' he drinks in endless pleasures, with a much larger number of appreciative friends than during his earthly career."

The Correspondence Report is again the product of the versatile thought and ready pen of M. E. Companion Albert S. Wait, and furnishes a brief, bright and comprehensive review of the official acts of the forty-seven Grand Chapters and the last Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and they are all interesting and entertaining throughout. The Pennsylvania review covers three pages and the criticisms noted are mild and friendly, manifesting the fraternal spirit that should characterize us as friends, companions and brethren.

The report concludes with the happy and cheering statement:

"It has been a year remarkable for the absence of controversy and the quiet prevailing. No matter of serious dispute has disturbed the fraternal relations existing among the Grand Chapters, or the universal harmony prevailing among the Companions. The increase in the membership has been greater than in many preceding years, and, what is cause of still greater rejoicing, the material added has been in equal degrees higher and better."

The Proceedings of this Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation form Part IV and complete Volume 10, pages 516 to 679, of the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire.

Joshua W. Hunt, Nashua, N. H., M. E. Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, N. H., R. E. Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NEW JERSEY, 1905.

All the Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty Past High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, forty-four representatives of subordinate Chapters, thirty-six representatives of Grand Chapters, together with a number of visitors, were greeted by the Grand High Priest "with a heart filled with love and gratitude to the All Bounteous Author of the Universe, the great and everlasting 'I Am,' " at the opening of the Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey, held in the rooms of Three Times Three Chapter, No. 5, at Trenton, May 10, 1905, A. I. 2435.

The Book of the Proceedings of this Convocation is splendidly illumined by elegant and beautiful photogravure pictures of Joseph E. Fulper, G. H. P. 1895; Anthony Schoder, G. H.

P. 1897; John B. Bertholf, G. H. P. 1898; Levi G. Bliss, G. H. P. 1899, and Peter McGill, G. H. P. 1905.

In his address the Grand High Priest announces that the past year has been one of universal activity and states as cause therefor, increasing efficiency on the part of the officers, zealous work of the members and attention to and development of social features in the subordinate Chapters. Attendance of the Companions at the regular meetings, which is always an important feature if not the pulse and life of Capitular Masonry, is largely affected if not controlled by these considerations, and we heartily join with the Grand High Priest in "let us hope that the future may continue to show improvement along this line."

The names of three Past Grand High Priests of New Jersey and twenty-one of sister Jurisdictions appear with proper and appropriate mention under the heading of "Our Fraternal Dead," recommending the Committee on Necrology to prepare suitable testimonial, among them being the names of our own beloved M. E. Companions Past Grand High Priest Richard M. Johnson and Past Grand High Priest George E. Wagner.

The report of the Committee on Necrology closes with the following, the comforting sentiment of which goes far toward relieving the sorrow and sadness we experience when "called to mourn the loss through death of friends and companions honored and beloved," viz.:

"When musing sorrow weeps the past
And mourns the present pain,
How sweet to think of peace at last
And feel that death is gain."

The relation existing between the Grand Chapter of New

Jersey and the Grand Chapters of sister Jurisdictions continues of the most friendly and harmonious character.

A number of dispensations were granted during the year, all of which were approved by the Committee on Constitution, except that which permitted a re-ballot upon petitions at a special Convocation because of failure at the preceding regular Convocation to conform with the regulation requiring a separate ballot upon all petitions. It being urged that such procedure was in conflict with the decision which holds that

"Balloting on candidates for membership must be at a stated convocation of the Chapter."

The most interesting if not the most important feature of the proceedings develops in connection with the following inquiry from Orange Chapter, No. 23, viz.:

"If a Companion holding his dimit from the Blue Lodge could remain in good legal standing in his Chapter."

The only legislation discovered on the subject was the decision in 1874 to the effect that "Withdrawal from membership in a Lodge and remaining as a dimitted Mason does not affect membership in a Chapter," and in the absence of further legislation Orange Chapter was directed to govern accordingly.

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers take exception to the position of the Grand High Priest on the general question of dependent membership and urge that the arguments he adduces in support of his views are such as they would employ in opposing them. They commend him, however, for the intelligent efforts he exerted in opening the way to a full discussion of the question on its merits. In view of which and the fact that the subject of compulsory affiliation with a Blue Lodge in order to retain membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is exciting attention in many Grand Jurisdictions

and demanding careful thought and consideration, we quote *in extenso* from the address of the Grand High Priest under the head of "Dependent Membership":

"The General Grand Chapter has left the disposal of this matter with the several Grand Chapters of the United States for such action as they deem fit, merely stating the broad proposition that 'membership in a Chapter should be co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Master Masons' (Proc. Genl. Gd. Chapter, 1903, p. 248), and that 'this resolution is declaratory only of the sense of the General Grand Body that every R. A. Mason should be in affiliation with a Lodge of Free Masons' (*ibid.*, p. 248). Furthermore, it was 'held that without any regulation prescribed on the subject, Masonic affiliation would be held voluntary, and non-affiliation would not be held a Masonic offense.' This is the latest law on the subject. I do not argue for a moment that Royal Arch Masons should not retain their membership with their Blue Lodge; in fact, I think every good Royal Arch Mason will do so, but I most emphatically object to compulsory membership laws, nor am I in favor of compelling membership in a body which does not recognize us as anything else but Blue Lodge Masons, which holds itself as sovereign and recognizes no other authority than itself, even to exclusion as equal participants at the obsequies of one who was a member of both organizations.

"A prominent writer says, 'The voluntary non-affiliate is still a Mason. You cannot take from him that which you have imparted to him. Not being a contributor to a Lodge, he has no claim on Lodge privileges—visitation, burial or the charity fund—but he has a claim on the fraternal brotherhood of every Mason through the five points of fellowship as long as he lives a just and upright man, even if he is not paying a few dollars for Lodge privileges.'

"Another writes, 'It is a mistake when we suppose that a Mason declining to become or remain a member of the Lodge goes out into the world owing no allegiance anywhere. He owes allegiance to the Fraternity, is bound by its laws, and for Masonic dereliction may be tried and expelled by the Lodge of his residence or where he may be sojourning. Modern methods may be more pleasing to those accustomed exclusively to them, but we must continue to remind our brethren that they *are not* Masonry. They have their origin in the swarm of modern so-called benefit societies, and their motive is selfish and mercenary alone, and at war with pure and sublime Masonry in general.'

"A third says, 'You should not be so carried away by the enthusiasm and sophistry of advocates of enforced affiliation as to forget the rights

of those who beside being of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man, have other rights due to their having wrought in the quarries and having been approved by the Craft. Do not take these rights away from those entitled to them, if by reason of age, infirmity and reversal of circumstances they cannot enjoy both benefits, but let them select the one for which they have most preference, liking and love.' "

On the question of dependent membership the Chairman of this committee in reviewing Alabama recently said:

"The question of dependent membership or independent membership has never been discussed in our Grand Chapter. The attitude of our members toward their Blue Lodge is one of filial love and reverence. They have no desire to spurn her extended welcoming arms and turn to newer, later, but not more worthy loves. Should a resolution favoring independent membership make its appearance in our Grand Chapter the writer will predict for it short shift and a speedy burial. Pennsylvania is loyal to the Blue."

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers referred the matter of dependent membership to the Committee on Constitution, which held that

"The law upon the subject left no other recourse to the Grand High Priest than to say that it does not affect membership in a Chapter. But upon the general question of dependent membership your committee are not agreed; but the importance of the subject is of such a nature that it should be settled as far as this Grand Body is concerned, and we therefore refer it to open Grand Chapter for discussion."

The sentiment and feeling of the Grand Chapter seems to have favored the views of the Grand High Priest, as a motion was made to rescind Section 32 of the present digest (which while not stated in the proceedings is, we presume, the basis of the Grand High Priest's decision) relative to non-affiliate Master Masons, and the following offered as a substitute, viz.:

"*Resolved,* That dimitting from a Lodge of Master Masons and remaining a voluntary non-affiliate for one year shall operate to suspend from the Chapter,"

concerning which it is stated in the proceedings that

"After considerable discussion of the above resolution it failed of acceptance by the Grand Chapter."

A number of visitations were made by the Grand High Priest, concerning which he says they were a source of much pleasure and that the fraternal welcome and courtesies extended will long be remembered. One new Chapter was instituted, Amboy, No. 41. A matter of perhaps small consequence in connection with the account of which institution, but which in after years might occasion confusion, is the typographical error in the date, which is given as October 21, 1905, and also in the date of the Grand High Priest's visit to Washington Chapter, November 11, 1905; in both instances 1904 is clearly intended.

A feature of interest in the proceedings of this Convocation is the indorsement by the Grand High Priest of the recommendation of his predecessor regarding the appointment of an officer to be known as Grand Lecturer, and suggesting that the Jurisdiction be divided into districts and the appointment of District Deputy Grand Lecturers to have supervision over the work of their respective districts under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, and report annually or at such times as may be required by the Grand High Priest the condition of the work under their charge. Which recommendation was approved by the Committee on Constitution and the second section of Article II of the Constitution amended accordingly by including among the appointed officers

"'A Grand Lecturer' whose duties on motion regularly adopted by the Grand Chapter were defined to be:

"1. To impart the Standard Work and Lectures of the several degrees to the Assistant Lecturers and to the officers of Chapters.

"2. When requested by a Chapter and so directed by the Grand High Priest to visit it and instruct its officers and members.

"3. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

"4. If requested, to exemplify before the Grand Chapter or a Committee thereof some portion or all of the Standard Work and Lectures.

"5. He shall be the custodian and Conservator of the S. W. and Lectures of the Grand Chapter, subject to the direction of the Grand High Priest."

It is of interest to the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction and with pleasure that we note the first appointment to the position of Grand Lecturer is conferred on our distinguished representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Pursuant to the recommendation made by the Grand High Priest in 1904, a committee of three was appointed to take steps looking to the appropriate celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey in 1906, which committee reported as follows:

"To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey:

"Your Committee on Semi-Centennial Celebration beg to report:

"First. That they recommend that the event be celebrated in a suitable manner, and to that end, that a General Committee be appointed who will appoint sub-committees to take up the several details, among which, now occurs to us, would be the continuation of the History of Capitular Masonry for the last fifty years. This will require careful attention and helpfulness from Subordinate Chapters, and will give all data that should be made a matter of record in the history of the State.

"Second. That invitations to attend the celebration should be extended to all Grand Chapters of the United States, and also to the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

"Third. That this celebration be fittingly observed with a banquet, for which speakers will be secured, to whom subjects will be assigned pertinent to Capitular Masonry; a souvenir for each guest commemorative of the event being presented.

"Fourth. That the exact date of this celebration shall be determined by either the Grand Chapter or by the General Committee, of which timely notice will be given.

"No doubt there will be many other matters of detail that should be

properly referred to the Centennial Committee after the matter has been discussed in Grand Chapter."

M. E. Comp. Peter McGill, Grand High Priest.
M. E. Comp. Leonard L. Grear, Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NEW MEXICO, 1904.

The Seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Albuquerque on the 19th day of October, A.D. 1904, when on opening the Grand Body the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion E. A. Cahoon, delivered his annual address, wherein is briefly given an account of his official acts during the year. He had not been called upon for any decisions and reports none, nor had he visited any of the subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction except that of his own membership. He explains his failure in that regard, however, in the following language:

"I had intended to pay official visits to each Chapter in the territory and had so arranged my affairs that I was to make these visits on my way to this city to attend this Annual Convocation. However, the great floods which have extended over all parts of the territory, so interrupted communication that I was absolutely unable to even start in time to visit any of the Chapters, and it was only with great difficulty that I was able to reach here from my distant home for this Annual Convocation."

Regarding the condition of the Rite, he says:

"I am glad that I am able to inform you that our growth during the past year has been flattering and that our prospects for a substantial increase in membership are excellent. This has been attained without any deterioration in the character of our membership."

There was no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

A Council of the Order of High Priesthood having been duly organized the preceding year, the Second Annual Con-

vocation of that Order was held, when eight candidates were received, anointed and set apart according to ancient usage.

Statistics: Ten Chapters with 563 members, a gain of 34 for the year. The total balance in the treasury was $1408.96, though $528.56 forms a permanent charity fund; $200 more was taken from the general fund and dedicated to charity.

A. N. Pratt, Carlsbad, M. E. Grand High Priest.

A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, R. E. Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NEW MEXICO, 1905.

Fifteen Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Officers and twenty-two representatives of subordinate Chapters met on October 18, 1905, in the hall of Rio Grande Chapter, No. 4, in the City of Albuquerque, and opened the Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico, proceedings of which are set forth in a neat pamphlet of sixty-four pages, about seventeen of which, while included in the paging, are blank. It contains no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a splendid statement and *resume* of his official acts, and clearly expresses his recommendations. After brief mention of the fraternal dead he discusses the only decision he was called on to make. It was regarding a dispensation for a Past High Priest to be appointed and preside at the regular Convocation for the election of officers, the High Priest, King and Scribe being absent. The request was made by telegram and not reaching the Grand High Priest until after the time fixed for the meeting, the Chapter proceeded with the election, after which the Grand High Priest answered as follows:

"'If your Chapter complied with Section 42, Article 3 of Constitution of Grand Chapter of U. S. of A., you can install officers.'

"The section referred to reads as follows, viz.: 'When the High Priest of a Chapter is elected or in case of his inability to act, his power and prerogative shall vest in the King and Scribe in succession. In the absence of all of the officers from a stated convocation or a special convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.'"

On two different occasions dispensations were granted to receive petitions, ballot and confer degrees at the same meeting; such practice is dangerous and we note with approval the Grand High Priest's apology for so doing and his recommendation in that regard:

"While I have found ample authority for granting this dispensation, and the circumstances warranted it in this case, I would suggest that it should not be asked for except for very good reasons."

May 18, 1905, a dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Chapter at Alamagordo.

June 12, 1905, Companion William A. Rhoads, of Philadelphia, was appointed Grand Representative for Pennsylvania, in which connection we note that while the matter is not mentioned in the Grand High Priest's address, the report of the committee on the same, which report was adopted by the Grand Chapter, recommends that

"the system of exchange of Grand Representatives be abolished by this Grand Chapter as it seems of no useful purpose."

Considering the extent of his Grand Jurisdiction and the distances necessarily traveled in making visitations, we think the Grand High Priest did very well in visiting about half his Chapters, and specially so when we remember that his immediate predecessor visited only the Chapter of his own membership. Under the head of visitations, in discussing fraternal gatherings, such as banquets, exercises incident to laying cor-

nerstone participated in by Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, he says, in substance:

"These occasions have brought the Masonic brethren together in a spirit of fraternity and their influence has gone far in bringing that unanimity of feeling which has prevailed not only in our Masonic bodies, but the towns, until the very best of feeling now exists instead of that spirit of jealousy which is apt to be a detriment to growing communities. The sentiment now prevails that what is good for the Pecos Valley is good for all. Actuated by the results of our fraternal meetings, I departed in a measure from the advice of the committee, at the last Annual Convocation and appointed five Deputy Grand High Priests with the hope that the Chapters grouped might get closer together, for our Chapters are so far apart that frequent visitations are almost impossible."

His principal recommendations are:

"(1) For a more thorough study and familiarity with the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Central Grand Chapter of the United States under which their subordinate Chapters are working; the matter was specially called to his attention by one of his Chapters conferring the degrees on Sunday and that notwithstanding among the decisions of the General Grand High Priest for 1900 we find 'Degrees should not be conferred on Sunday.'

"(2) That more care be exercised by the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters in preparing their annual reports.

"(3) That the communication from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland be acknowledged and placed on file and no action taken at this Annual Convocation."

As a matter of interesting information regarding conditions in New Mexico and evidencing the frateral spirit that prompts and moves the brethren and companions, we quote liberally from the concluding paragraph of his address:

"Year by year the representatives of those Grand bodies of Masonry assemble for the purpose of maintaining and strengthening the bulwarks of our institution. Had our ancient brethren persisted in their watchful care, Jerusalem from its situation, the well-nigh impregnable, and Capitular Masonry without a basis of foundation and the doleful wail 'By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down. Yea! We wept when we remembered

Zion,' would never have been uttered. To our sister Chapters I send fraternal greetings, and if from them sometimes comes criticism, let me call their attention to the fact that we are still young, our territory large, our membership scattered, that in order to visit the ten chartered Chapters in this territory, one would have to travel 1,700 miles, and take more than two weeks of time. Let them remember that we are here either for the purpose of health or with the hope of bettering our financial condition; none are rich, and all work. Again let me say to our Companions in other States, there comes to us a steady visitation, increasing year by year, impelled to come by the beautiful climate of New Mexico, the victims of the great white plague. Not a Lodge nor a Chapter but has felt drawn on to its utmost and we give as our means permit, ungrudgingly. Our climate will do much, but it will not save to the uttermost all who come, and many a heart has a kindly feeling for the love and care bestowed by our Masonic fraternities, on their friends, our brethren and Companions, still strangers without our gates. I maintain that in no other State are the demands on that Masonic virtue, which knows no bounds, as great as in our territory and in our Masonic Jurisdiction. We look out on our Zion as a watchman on the tower. Favored beyond any country on earth with natural conditions, these injunctions must ever be before us, our God, our country, our neighbor and ourselves. Our God! Lest we forget His mercies and His benefits. Our country! I am more alarmed in times of peace and in times of unprecedented prosperity, and the disclosure of the past year comes with a note of warning lest the laws promulgated amid the thunders of Sinai be forgotten in their rigid simplicity. The fraudulent taking of property, the trusts, defalcations, certainly cause apprehension. I am not a pessimist. I am an American and a Mason. I believe the American people great enough to right wrongs, Masons enough to set our faces towards the east, the rising sun, the Son of Righteousness, if you will. I know of no more hopeful signs of the times than that universal peace now prevails, and that through the influence of a brother of our Order, that this has been established, that righteousness is the impelling force in all his acts, that we are led and strengthened in the belief that righteousness exalteth the nation, and in all the acts of our rulers for the cleansing of iniquity, both State and National, we commend and will sustain them. 'Holiness to the Lord' is inscribed upon our banners."

The report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address concludes as follows:

"It has given us great pleasure to be able to agree with our Grand High Priest in all of his recommendations and decisions and we heartily con-

gratulate him upon the growth of the Order and his wise administration of his highly important office."

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $1460.63, of which $778.32 is a charity fund, to which was transferred from the general fund $221.68, creating a credit balance of $1000 in the charity fund.

"At the election of Grand Officers the following were elected:
"A. Everitt, Grand High Priest;
"C. D. Stevens, Deputy Grand High Priest;
"J. G. Fitch, Grand King;
"C. D. Boucher, Grand Scribe;
"A. J. Maloy, Grand Treasurer;
"A. A. Keen, Grand Secretary."

A fact worthy of note in the above list of Grand Officers is that the first name of none of the Companions is given in full, only the initials, and with but one exception the same condition prevails in the nine appointed Grand Officers and in a large measure it is the same in the lists of names of the Companions in the subordinate Chapters. Such practice we think is not to be commended and is liable and likely at some time or place to occasion confusion on the question of identification, and we presume to the extent of calling it to the attention of the proper authorities of both the Grand and subordinate Chapters.

The Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of High Priesthood of New Mexico was held at 8 P. M. October 18, 1905, and thirteen High Priests were elected to receive the order and were introduced, anointed and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

A. Everitt, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, R. E. Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NEW YORK, 1905.

All Grand Officers except Grand Scribe R. E. Dana B Pratt, who was unavoidably absent, fifteen Past Grand Officers, representatives of thirty-two of the fifty-one Grand Chapters of sister Jurisdictions, and representatives of one hundred and ninety-five of the one hundred and ninety-seven subordinate Chapters, besides a large number of visitors, were in attendance at the One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Albany, February 7 and 8, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435.

In opening his annual address the Grand High Priest said:

"Twenty-two years ago I was with other representatives accorded by the then Grand High Priest a most cordial greeting to this Grand Chapter; * * * * to-day the situation is reversed and it becomes my pleasant duty to extend to you a sincere and hearty welcome. * * * * During these past twenty-two years changes have been frequent in the make-up of the Grand Chapter. * * * * As I look into your faces to-day I do not recall more than a score who sat with me on that first day, and even they have grown gray in the service of our Grand Chapter.

"The friendships formed then have been multiplied many times and cemented with stronger ties as the years have passed. * * * * Since last me met * * * * another year has passed * * * * its labors, pleasures, tribulations and joys are only recollections. Change is written on every living thing. * * * * The only unchangeable things are the eternal principles of right emanating from and forming a part of the Creator of all.

"As harmony and peace should characterize the labors of such an insituation, I am happy to state that no trace of discord has darkened our horizon during the past year and no contention has arisen save that noble rivalry which leads each Companion to labor for the good of the Rite, listening only to that tocsin which summons each Companion to the quarries to labor in rearing a nobler and grander structure for those who are to follow us."

Appropriate mention is made by the Grand High Priest in-

cident to the thirty Excellent Companions of his Jurisdiction, who having served their allotted time, had, during the year, passed to the land beyond, introducing the sad subject with

> "The irrevocable Hand
> That opes the year's fair gate, doth ope and shut
> The portals of our earthly destinies;
> We walk through blindfold, and the noiseless doors
> Close after us, forever."

Following such mention by tendering to sister Grand Jurisdictions sincere sympathy and condolence to such as have been called upon to mourn the death of our esteemed Companions, and brief mention is made of the worth and work of thirty-four M. E. and R. E. Companions, prominent in which list are found the names of our own M. E. Richard M. Johnson and George E. Wagner, both Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Report of the Committee on Memorials is permeated with a strong vein of loving and consoling sympathy, closing with the blessed assurance that

"The cloud of sorrow has indeed its silver lining. The Mason's creed is one ever living and true God, the fatherhood of that God and the brotherhood, of men, the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul, and therefore we sorrow indeed for our loss, but not as men without hope. We believe them to have passed out from a life of toil and pain in the quarries of this lower earth through the portals of the Eternal Temple, the House not made with hands, where to the worthy it shall be given to eat of the hidden manna and to receive the priceless reward of the white stone with the new name,

> "'Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
> Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet,
> While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
> And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.'

"That such may be the blessed destiny of our dear departed Companions is our earnest hope and prayer, and so we leave them, commending them to the keeping of a faithful and merciful High Priest."

The Grand as well as the constituent Chapters are to be heartily congratulated on the settled conditions prevailing in their Grand Jurisdiction. All questions referred to the Grand High Priest were answered by reference to some section of the Constitution or to the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, in which connection the Grand High Priest says:

"It is my belief that in the work of the Chapter a condition will rarely arise which cannot be readily solved by a reference to the Constitution or the Printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

"I, therefore, commend to the attention of the High Priest and Secretary of each Chapter a diligent perusal of the Constitution and the Printed Proceedings, copies of which are, or should be, in the archives of every Chapter.

"A little care will save the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary much needless correspondence."

After investigation by correspondence and personal inquiry and being satisfied that the formation of new Chapters would be conducive to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, the Grand High Priest during the year granted the following dispensations for new Chapters, viz.: March 1, 1904, to Companion Michael P. Snyder and forty-four others for a new Chapter at Mechanicville, to be known as Ondawa Chapter U. D., which at the time of the surrender of its dispensation had a membership of seventy-nine.

March 16, 1904, to Companion Thomas W. Franklin and sixteen others for a new Chapter at Flatbush, to be known as Flatbush Chapter U. D., which at the time of the surrender of its dispensation had a membership of forty-three.

May 2, 1904, to Companion Henry W. Dexter and sixteen others for a new Chapter at Newport, to be known as Sprig Chapter U. D., which had a membership of sixty-one at the time of the surrender of its dispensation.

September 22, 1904, to Companion Hiram B. Russell and

thirty-seven others for a new Chapter at Massena, to be known as Massena Chapter U. D., which had a membership of thirty-eight Companions at the time of the surrender of its dispensation.

All of which having made proper return and the Grand Lecturer finding them proficient in the work, the G. H. P. commends their applications for warrants to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter, which was approved by the Committee on Charters and they were numbered 297, 298, 299 and 300 respectively, and adopted by the Grand Chapter.

An impressive instance of gratitude for charity well bestowed is evidenced by the words of the grateful recipient in acknowledging receipt of the same at the hands of the Grand High Priest, viz.:

"The action of the Grand Chapter, its officers and members to me, overwhelms me with deep, heartfelt gratitude and devout thanks and love. I wish that everyone of them could analyze my feelings, for then, I believe, they would fully appreciate my unbounded gratitude for their more than noble action, * * * * so that we were about in the last extremity when your letter arrived, with God's mercy, in the action of the Grand Chapter, and had you witnessed the tears of gratitude that rolled down the wan cheeks of my poor sick wife, and the thanks to God and the Grand Chapter of a contrite and grateful heart, I think you would have said it was a charity well bestowed."

The Grand High Priest visited seventeen of his constituent Chapters officially and was most cordially received and in several instances preparations of an elaborate character attended the receptions.

The recommendation or rather suggestion of the Grand High Priest regarding uniformity in the petitions of candidates was adopted and measures suggested for proceeding accordingly immediately instituted.

In acknowledging his gratitude to the other Grand Officers, the Grand High Priest says:

"No Grand High Priest has ever been surrounded by more capable or willing associate officers than I have been during the past year.

"Their gentlemanly traits, their courtesy on all occasions, their readiness to discharge any duty required of them, their zeal for the Craft, and their endeavor to make the past year successful for Royal Arch Masonry, are all well known to and appreciated by me. I feel that I enjoy their esteem, and I assure them that they possess my kindest regard and love.

"To him, who for so many years has been the strong support and efficient aid of Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, I know not how adequately to express my thanks. Relying on his judgment, his knowledge and his experience, a Grand High Priest is always in the light, without them he would grovel in darkness.

"All the kind words written by my predecessors in regard to him I make my own and would that my powers of speech and language were such as to permit an adequate expression of my thankfulness for his aid and support. Long live our Grand Secretary."

While the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest is brief and largely formal, it is no less earnest and manifests the ring of the true spirit and is imbued with zeal of a high order. During the year he paid forty-four visits to Chapters. His report closes with :

"An earnest expression of gratitude is due from me to you for many acts of official favor and personal kindness during the year."

A Grand Lecturer is part of New York's Capitular outfit, who reports, *inter alia,* as follows, viz. :

"The exemplification of the degree of Most Excellent Master before the Grand Chapter, last year, attracted so much attention, and opened up such an extensive correspondence that with the approval of the Grand High Priest, I prepared a 'Memorandum' of the suggested changes in the arrangement, and forwarded a copy thereof to every High Priest in the Jurisdiction, and am pleased to note a decided interest in the proper development of the ceremonials of this beautiful degree."

Regarding the Grand Lecturer's report the Committee on Rituals, to which it was referred, says that, it shows evidence of an increasing interest in the conferring of the several degrees throughout the Jurisdiction, and they commend with

pleasure the Grand Lecturer for his energy and zeal in the work, and recommend that the attention of the several High Priests be called to the mode of instruction of candidates to insure their proficiency in the lectures in the several degrees before advancement.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests, an adjunct of the Grand Chapter of New York, was convened at 3 P. M. of February 7 for the purpose of conferring the order of High Priesthood on newly-elected and installed High Priests, at which seventy-four High Priests "were anointed, consecrated and solemnly set apart."

The evening of February 7, 1905, "the entire ceremony of exaltation was thoroughly exemplified" by R. E. George McGown, Grand Lecturer, and a team composed of Companions from Chapters Nos. 5 and 242. "In the course of the work the Royal Arch Cryptogram, as adopted by the General Grand Chapter, at its last Triennial Convocation, was illustrated and exemplified by the Grand Lecturer," and the catechetical lectures approved by the Grand Chapter for the instruction of candidates in the several degrees were carefully rehearsed.

A good sign which we deem worthy of mention in this connection as manifesting the zeal and earnestness of the members of the Grand Chapter is found in the fact that on this occasion, instead of the members taking advantage of the opportunity to attend operatic or theatrical performances or spending their time at other places of amusement,

"the Grand Chapter room was filled to its capacity with an attentive and interested audience that voiced its appreciation of the work of the evening by extending a hearty vote of thanks to the participants."

Comp. James Ten Eyck, Past Grand Master of New York, conceived the notion of making a collection of "Mark Pennies" for the Grand Chapter of New York, to be placed in the Ma-

sonic Temple at Albany, for which purpose the Grand Chapter in 1904 authorized him to use its name in such undertaking, and at this convocation the following letter from Comp. Ten Eyck was received and ordered published:

"To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

"It affords me great pleasure to report the very gratifying progress made in the collection of Mark Pennies for the Grand Chapter during the year that has just closed. Availing myself of the resolution adopted last year, I have written to a large number of Chapters in this country and have received from many of them Marks. Some Chapters have sent four —silver, copper, aluminum and brass, and at present time I am gratified to be able to report that I have upwards of five hundred distinctive Marks of Royal Arch Chapters in this country. * * * * In conclusion, can only say that I hope the work in which I have been engaged may be as pleasant to the Companions of the Grand Chapter as it certainly has been to me."

The love for and esteem in which Comp. James Byron Murray, late Grand Chaplain, was held by the Grand Chapter was evidenced by its appropriating and setting aside from the funds of the Grand Chapter the sum of $400, which amount with the appropriation of $100 made by the Court, was to be applied to the purchase and erection of a monument over the grave of their late Companion.

In due course the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, whereupon M. E. George A. Newell was declared re-elected by unanimous vote to the office of Grand High Priest. On being officially informed Comp. Newell

"returned thanks to his Companions for this renewed expression of their confidence and esteem, and regarding it the duty of every Companion to serve the Royal Craft in any place or station to which he might be called, he, nevertheless, in view of additional responsibilities placed upon him during the year by unforeseen conditions, felt impelled to decline further service in the office to which he had been re-elected,"

whereupon R. E. Henry D. Hamilton, of Brooklyn, was elected Grand High Priest.

It is always a comfort to feel and know that honest, earnest efforts are appreciated, realizing which M. E. Comp. Newell, P. G. High Priest, should be most content as in the report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, we find:

"In conclusion we congratulate our Grand High Priest because of the success of his labors in the exacting duties of the office he has so satisfactorily discharged for us, and applaud him for his watchful care of the interests of our Grand Chapter in his keeping during the past year, and we commend to the Companions of this Grand Chapter the studious reading of his report, which makes of record the harmony and advance of our beloved Order under his administration toward a higher plane of usefulness and beneficence."

In which connection the Grand Chapter also adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the very intelligent, wise and prudent administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter, during the past Capitular year by the Grand High Priest, and his firm and dignified, yet courteous, action as its presiding officer during this Annual Convocation, merit the hearty approbation of the Grand Chapter."

Regarding the recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, which has been a subject of consideration and correspondence for several years, the special Committee to whom was referred the matter, after making full and thorough investigation, noting both the objections against and the reasons in favor of such recognition, reported to the Grand Chapter and there was adopted by it the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of New York hereby recognizes the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand as a legally constituted Grand Chapter, and extends to it the right hand of fellowship, and expresses the wish for a closer union by an exchange of Representatives."

The lengthy quotation from the able address of the Grand Chaplain in our Report of 1904 was, we think, fully warranted,

and we doubt not but that it was enjoyed by every Companion who read it. This year the Grand Chaplain of New York gives us an address on "Lessons from the Degree of Mark Master Mason" which impresses us most favorably, and in quoting from it we follow the practice of last year and urge the High Priests of our various subordinate Chapters to call the attention of their Companions to it.

We express the hope that our good Brother and Companion Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, may be spared and that next year he give his Grand Chapter and, through its Report, the world, an address on "Lessons from the Most Excellent."

"Most Excellent High Priests and Companions:

"A year ago it was my privilege to address you upon a theme, entitled, 'Some Lessons from Capitular Masonry.' I treated the subject briefly, and simply confining myself to emphasizing a single lesson from each of the Capitular degrees.

"Thus, however, to leave the field with having barely put the sickle in and gathered but a few heads of its golden harvest of teaching would be inadequate and unsatisfactory. I feel myself, therefore, committed to continue this year on the same lines, only taking as my text a single degree—that of Mark Master Mason.

"The Ritual of Masonry is a subject of many sides and manifold attractions. Like a journey along a beautiful and diversified route, giving now a glimpse of the blue sea, now of a range of snow-capped mountains, touched with the crimson and gold of the sunset, now tracing the curves of some majestic river, now coursing its way through a rich and fertile valley, 'deep-meadowed, happy, fair with orchard, lawns, and bowery hollows, crowned with summer sea'—even like such a route, Masonry appeals to different minds from different points along the way of its ceremonies and teaching.

"On our first journey toward the East, each degree coming, as it does, with the charm of novelty, seems more impressive and beautiful than the last. It is when the journey is completed, and repeated, when familiarity enables us to take in the whole view, and to co-ordinate and compare, that a preference is felt and selection made.

"Thus to many the degree of Entered Apprentice is the favorite one of the Blue Lodge and in the Chapter that of Mark Master Mason.

"It is beyond my purpose to assign reasons for these preferences, except the last. Without doubt the degree of Mark Master Mason appeals very strongly to the Craft, not only by reason of the picturesque simplicity of its work, but still more for its practical character. It seems specially suited to the intensely practical age in which we live and move and have our being. Its immediate teaching is not of the past nor of the future, but of the strenuous work-a-day present. As stated a year ago, one of its first and most obvious lessons is that of diligence—diligence in the pursuit of our calling, whetever it may be. Above all, diligence in character building, which is the true purpose of our Masonic life.

"It, further, teaches the dignity of labor. Its working tools are not those which measure and lay out work for others to do, but which actually perform it—tools which cut, carve, mark and indent. But not only in teaching the dignity of labor, as a truth and diligence therein as a virtue, is this degree interesting and instructive. It parables man's experience and points his duty and responsibility in upbuilding the great Temple of Humanity as well as that of his own moral life.

"Let us, then, meditate on some of the forms and ceremonies peculiar to this degree. In the episode of the keystone we have a cluster of lessons. Surely, it suggests at first a wholesome admonition to youthful inexperience.

"How often are the young discovering something to themselves of 'singular form and beauty'—some keystone which in their fond imagination will bind together the last arch in the Temple of Religion, or science, or art, or industry, or whatever be the fabric on and within which they are called to labor.

"But, as all experience proves, for one such discovery which proves, indeed, to be a keystone, thousands of others are valueless, and fit only to be relegated to the rubbish of forgotten things.

"And, next, there is a note of caution in the presentation of things, however ultimately useful, at an unfit time, or before there is a demand for their recognition and use, and herein we are admonished as to the reception we accord to what is new and strange to our ideas. If we cannot see our way to accept, let us have a care how we condemn, lest at some future time we bring on ourselves the rebuke, 'This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders which is become the Head of the Corner.'

"In the Great Temple of Humanity, as it rises in beauty and grandeur, stone upon stone, from age to age, there have ever been at work two forces, fitly represented by the young Fellow Craft on the one hand and the Overseers of the work on the other. They are the progressive, and the conservative mind and habit, both equally necessary to each other, and to the work, but often at conflict, sometimes bitter conflict, and, surely, the

lesson to the one is caution and patience, to the other forbearance and charity.

"But what more eloquent symbolism can there be of the final triumph of the truth and the right than the sequel of this part of the work. As we trace the history of civilization in its varied forms of philosophic, of religious, or scientific, or industrial development, we see, from time to time, the rejection of some keystone, some master thought, some wonderful invention or discovery, and then later its acceptance.

"Often what is heresy in one age is found to be truth in another. Now it is the philosophy of Socrates, now that keystone of all religion worth the name, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, now it is the Copernican system as revived and proved by Galileo, now the theory of steam as a mighty factor in the development of commerce and industry, now that declaration of human rights, which is the keystone of our whole political and social system.

"There are innumerable other instances, to name which would take too long. Your own knowledge will supply them. Not one of these keystones but was rejected at the first, aye, and often the presenters and prophets themselves. Socrates poisoned, the Son of Man crucified, Galileo condemned and his work burned, locomotion by steam scientifically proved to be impossible, the first railways torn from their bed, the founder and first disciples of a great school in the healing art, ostracised, the first advocates of civil liberty mobbed—but in vain. In each case the keystone, though rejected at first, was afterward eagerly sought and 'applied to its intended use,' binding together some arch in the great temple of human progress, adding something to the strength, glory and beauty of the fabric, something to the enlightenment and welfare of mankind, and bringing home to every honest heart the comforting and inspiring conviction that truth is mighty and will prevail.

"Another impressive lesson, and one of more personal and individual application, is suggested by the very name of this degree—Mark Master Mason.

"You well know what was required of each Craftsman once and of each brother now, and, therefore, why the degree is so called. It respects not only the quantity of our work, but its quality, its character. However much we may accomplish, however great our assiduity, our work must bear a certain mark. That mark is more easy to describe than name. What is it but the impress of the moral standard, which we set before us in our lives and work, and what that standard should be is well exemplified by the great statesman who said: 'I would rather be right than President.'

"And what a searching, solemn thought it is, Companions, that we not

only choose a mark to place upon our work—we cannot but choose, either a mark of honor, or the reverse.

"The Temple we build is the Temple of the present life, the mark we choose is the character of our thoughts and words and deeds, and as a brother's mark became identified with his name, so does the moral quality of our acts become synonymous with our name and makes us our character, its mark upon us, not only as it is seen by our fellow men, but by that eye unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid.

"To the superficial the sign of receiving wages may seem a mere fantastic gesture, but to those who look behind the sign for the thing signified does it not symbolize the way and manner in which we should receive and use that which comes to us as the compensation of our labors in the quarries of earth? Be that compensation what it may—be it material wealth, be it high official station, or social rank—the spirit in which we receive and use it will be the spirit in which we sought it, and, therefore, will ever distinguish the true Craftsman from the impostor.

"I have said that this is the most practical degree in Masonry. Its symbolism has chiefly to do with the quarries—with earth and the things of earth, with the needs, the requirements and emoluments of this life.

"It is, therefore, with peculiar significance and teaching force that right in the heart of the work there is set a period which 'represents the Jewish Sabbath,' thus impressing anew the great lesson that 'man doth not live by bread alone,' that no man's life is so strenuous or busy as to excuse neglect of the higher interests of his being, release him from the obligation to pay that rational homage to the Deity which at once constitutes his duty and his happiness.

"Duty, then, is the watchword and the final precept of this degree. Duty to God, our neighbor and ourself—to God as represented by a fixed time wherein to study His great book of Nature and Revelation, and to adore our great Creator, to our neighbor as sampled by the obligation to receive that which a brother offers in pledge and grant the prayer of the needy, to ourself in the faithful and diligent use of those talents which are given to us in trust.

"This degree teaches pre-eminently that it is ours to work out our own salvation, here and hereafter. As in the closing of a Royal Arch Chapter we invoke the wisdom, strength and beauty of our Supreme High Priest for the faithful 'performance of all those duties outside the Lodge or Chapter which are inculcated within,' so the degree of Mark Master Mason assures us that, this aid being promised, it rests with ourselves to get that prayer answered. And to those who thus labor faithfully, honestly, unselfishly, even though called at the 'eleventh hour,' these are wages.

There is, indeed, at times weariness, but what is that to the weariness of idleness or satiety.

"There are wages here, more precious than of silver and gold, things which money cannot buy—an approving conscience, the favor of God, the esteem of all good men. Wages here, and reward hereafter, even the white stone of that knowledge and communion which makes the glory and the bliss of heaven, and the new name, even the presence, the welcome, and the benediction, of the Grand Overseer of all our work: 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence closes with the happy statement that

"Peace and prosperity seem everywhere to abound and our Royal Craft are steadily advancing in all that goes to increase their influence and usefulness and with wisdom and watchfulness nothing is likely to occur to mar or deface the purity of its record."

M. E. Henry D. Hamilton, Brooklyn, Grand High Priest.
R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1905.

June 6, 1905, the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened in its Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation in the hall of Asheville Chapter, No. 25, in Asheville, "The Queen City of the Mountains." All the Grand Officers were present, nine Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, two Past Grand Kings, thirty-five Representatives of subordinate Chapters, and twenty-one Grand Representatives of sister Grand Chapters near the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina, but none from Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief, about five pages, but it is to the point. He touches kindly on the memory of the fraternal dead of sister Grand Jurisdictions, closing

with "beautiful and loving tributes paid by their Companions who knew them, attest their character and worth, and we doubt not that they are in the enjoyment of their reward in the Holy of Holies above."

Seven dispensations were granted to ballot on petitions without waiting the usual (does not say required) time, two of which were on the special request of the Grand Lecturer, as to the other five no reason is given. Our opinion is that such practice is bordering on the dangerous and if indulged in too often will have a tendency to interfere with the continued observance of the ancient laws and usages of the Fraternity on which the preservation of Masonry through the ages and its vigorous life to-day depend almost entirely. As was recently said by another:

> "It would be an easy matter to add to or take away until the whole fabric would be destroyed, therefore blessed is he who strictly maintains the landmarks."

Several other dispensations were granted and one was properly refused—which was on petition of Laurinburg U. D. to make the fee for the Chapter degrees $10 instead of $20.

Several decisions by the Grand High Priest are noted, but we do not consider any of them of sufficient general interest to merit special mention in this review.

Last year the Grand Chapter appropriated $125 to aid in the education of a young man who for some years has been the ward of the Grand Chapter, but he manifested pluck and manly spirit in securing a position as a teacher and in addition to acquiring profitable experience along that line earned money with which to finish his education, manifesting that independence characteristic of the true Masonic spirit, and we prophesy that the young man, Easton Renno, will yet be heard from in a creditable manner, from North Carolina or elsewhere.

Business and sickness prevented the Grand High Priest from visiting all his subordinate Chapters except two, both of which he found in good condition. On the question of visitations generally he suggests as follows:

"I have always been rather of the opinion that the Grand Lecturer should make most of the visitations and in fact should make a great many visitations, for the reason that visits from Grand Officers almost generally seem to be expected to have the nature of instruction rather than inspection and if the visitor is the Grand Lecturer he can make the occasion one of instruction or inspection as circumstances may direct, or both, if necessary, and when it comes to the subject of instruction coming from him it will be official and uniform."

Why not the Grand Lecturer accompany the Grand High Priest? Our observation in that regard convinces us that the best results could thus be obtained. The reasons urged for the Grand Lecturer visiting are good, but we think the presence of the Grand High Priest in subordinate Chapters will add infinitely to the instruction given by the Grand Lecturer; he is the acknowledged and recognized head of the organization, and as such carries with him a sceptre of authority and even though he should know little or nothing about the instruction given on such occasion by the Grand Lecturer his presence is an official endorsement and gives it the stamp and seal of "the powers that be."

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters, one at Laurinburg and the other at Bryson City.

The Grand High Priest makes the following recommendation:

"Inasmuch as I find that a number of Chapters which have been dropped from the rolls and have had their charters forfeited and have never surrendered their charters, records or other paraphernalia to the Grand Secretary, and inasmuch as I find that this state of affairs causes a great deal of trouble and confusion, one Chapter having met and conferred degrees while in this condition, I would recommend that in case the paraphernalia

is not forwarded to the Grand Secretary that he be authorized to go after it in person."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of $1,610.76.

Bald Creek Chapter, No. 56, which two years before was struck from the rolls for non-payment of dues and not making returns, made returns for the four years and paid two years' dues as required by the Grand High Priest, and sent in returns and paid dues for the current year.

West Gate Chapter, No. 55, having failed to make return or pay dues for two years, it is declared by the Grand Secretary, "Under our law its charter is forfeited."

The report of the Grand Lecturer is interesting, full and complete as to duties performed by him and his mind seems to be at rest as to the flourishing condition of the Rite as evidenced by the following:

"I am happy to state that while there have been instances of a want of that lively interest in the work which its importance demands, and every true lover of our sublime Art is delighted to see, yet on the whole Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction has made noticeable advancement since our last Annual Convocation, and the outlook for the Order is constantly growing brighter and more hopeful with the passing years. The returns I am satisfied will show gratifying additions to the membership of the Chapters, composed largely of excellent material, 'stones I doubt not fitted to beautify and adorn our Temple.'"

When visiting a place the Grand Lecturer seems to have gone with a determination of accomplishing results and doing good regardless of the time required. In connection with the reorganization of Temple Chapter, No. 6, at Windsor, he says:

"It was my good fortune to enjoy for four weeks the courtesy and hospitality of the clever Companions of which its membership is composed. The duty of imparting to them the best instruction at my command was

rendered doubly pleasant by their appreciation of the work and aptness in acquiring it."

As to Thomasville Chapter U. D., he says:

"In fulfillment of a two weeks' engagement to lecture Thomasville Chapter, U. D., I visited on September 19, 1904, for the first time, the wide-awake and enterprising town of that name. I soon found it to be a fruitful field for Masonic work, and was so charmed with the many new acquaintances formed among Masons and others that I was delighted when it became necessary in the interest of the Order to prolong my stay to a period of six weeks."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (112 pages) is the work of M. E. P. G. H. P. James Southgate and is honest, faithful work from start to finish and reviews ably, earnestly and intelligently the Proceedings of forty-eight Grand Chapters as well as the General Grand Chapter for the Thirty-second Triennial of 1903, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

M. E. Comp. Southgate in his conclusion deplores the failure of Capitular Masonry to have

"some court of final Jurisdiction, like the Grand Encampment is to the various Grand Commanderies. The difference between this and the General Grand Chapter is very marked. We have to obey the statutes and regulations of the one, but only those Chapters under the immediate Jurisdiction of the General Grand are compelled to carry out its orders. Each Grand Chapter is left to decide questions in accordance with its own sweet will, and so long as this rule obtains Grand High Priests will differ on important points and discussion will be kept up by correspondents. We obligate ourselves to stand to and abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of the United States, but so far as enforcing that obligation, it might as well be stricken out or made null and void, as it is. Our plan is to clothe the General Grand Chapter with supreme power as the Grand Encampment has been done and let us stand by the decisions on all points. Then will harmony and uniformity follow."

James D. Glenn, Raleigh, N. C., M. E. Grand High Priest.
James C. Munds, Wilmington, N. C., R. E. Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1905.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota convened in the Masonic Temple at Grand Forks, N. D., Thursday, June 29, 1905. All of the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Chaplain. There were also present six Past Grand High Priests and about thirty-five Representatives in person or by proxy of subordinate Chapters and twenty-five Grand Representatives from sister Grand Jurisdictions, which latter, it is stated, are not members of the Grand Chapter by virtue of that office.

The general condition of the Order as well as the content that seems to be prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction is well expressed in the opening language of the Grand High Priest's address, as follows:

> "Since last we met the white winged dove of peace, plenty and prosperity has filled our land with confidence, courage and cheer for the future and has brought to our beloved institution growth, harmony and strength; for which all should be and doubtless are thankful."

Brief notice is made of the death of quite a number of Companions of their own and sister Jurisdictions under the title of "Fraternal Dead," among which are mentioned Richard M. Johnson and George E. Wagner, Past Grand High Priests of our own Jurisdiction. Special mention is made of the death of Leonard A. Rose, second Grand High Priest and the second to pass behind the veils who have filled the exalted station of Grand High Priest in that Grand Jurisdiction.

One new Chapter—Phœnicia, No. 17, Bottineau, N. D.—was constituted, concerning which the Grand High Priest says he found the Companions comfortably established in their new

hall and well up in Chapter work and prophesies for them a bright future.

The Grand High Priest made the following recommendations:

"1st. I would recommend that a fee be required for all dispensations other than for the creation of new Chapters, and that such fees form a fund to defray expenses of visitations by Grand High Priest.

"2nd. That this Grand Body establish what shall constitute necessary paraphernalia for all Chapters hereafter instituted.

"3rd. That the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be changed so that the officers of the Chapter within this Jurisdiction may be installed at any time by vote of said Chapter on or after the annual election of said officers and prior to or on the first regular Convocation in January of the succeeding year and not afterward without dispensation.

"4th. That we add an additional By-Law requiring the Grand High Priest in person or by deputy to inspect each Chapter in this Jurisdiction and report its condition as to ritual, property, manner of keeping records, its financial standing and such other matters as may be deemed fit without fear or favor to the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter."

None of which recommendations seem to have been adopted, acted upon or considered except No. 3, which was adopted in a modified form, providing that the officers may be installed on the night of the election or on or before the first stated Convocation in January following, providing that the newly-installed officers shall not take the office until the first stated Convocation in January following.

The report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer, which was adopted, provided that the office of Grand Lecturer be combined with that of Grand Auditor, whose duties shall consist in the examination of the records of subordinate Chapters and instructing them in a uniform system of keeping their minutes, accounts and card systems and all work of a business nature as well as to instruct them in ritualistic work, and the said officer is to be appointed in consultation with the Grand Sec-

retary and work in conjunction with the Grand Secretary's office, the better to facilitate the duties thereof.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, N. D., M. E. Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D., R. E. Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1904.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax on the 7th day of June, A.D. 1904. There were present all of the Grand Officers, Representatives of twenty-four sister Grand Jurisdictions and forty-four Representatives of subordinate Chapters. The Committee on Credentials reported that they had carefully examined returns and found one hundred and eighty-four Companions entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Convocation, which report was received and filed.

Concerning local conditions, the presiding Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. S. J. Waddell, says:

"The reports that will be laid before you by our Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes will tend to show that the year that has just closed has been one of more than ordinary prosperity in the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction. Our relations with our sister Grand Chapters are most harmonious and so far as I have been able to learn no strife or discord exists in our constituent Chapters; but all appear to be working zealously for the advancement of the interests and welfare of our grand institution."

Proper and touching announcement is made of the fraternal dead, not only of their own but of sister Jurisdictions. Special mention, with fitting tribute to the virtue of the deceased as a man and a Mason, was made regarding Past Grand High

Priest M. E. Comp. Charles J. McDonald, who died October 12, 1903.

One new Chapter—Maple Leaf, No. 15—was created since the last Convocation, and its Representative was duly welcomed to participate in the deliberations of the Grand Convocation.

The Grand High Priest was not called upon to make any decisions during the year; questions that were asked seem to be of such character as to demand advice rather than definite directions, and the only matter of grievance occurring was settled without reaching the Grand Chapter, indicating that the Companions of this Jurisdiction are certainly zealous and harmonious and are to be congratulated in furnishing such substantial foundation for the above quotation from the Grand High Priest's address.

A number of visits to subordinate Chapters were made during the year by the Grand High Priest and also by Companions duly commissioned by him in that regard, and the Reports on Visitations contain much that is interesting regarding the Chapters visited as to attendance, proficiency in the work, regalia and outfit, financial affairs, charitable work and all other matters pertaining to the success of Royal Arch Masonry within the jurisdiction of the respective subordinate Chapters visited.

There is a Report on Foreign Correspondence in which is reviewed with much ability the Proceedings of forty-eight sister Grand Chapters, including ours for 1903.

Comp. Matthew C. Webster, Pictou, N. S., M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Daniel H. Campbell, Halifax, N. S., re-elected Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

OHIO, 1904.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Columbus, October 5, 1904, at 10 A. M. Present, the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, one hundred and ninety-seven Representatives of subordinate Chapters and a number of visitors, each of whom, after being received with the grand honors and cordially welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, responded with fraternal greetings from their respective Grand Bodies and Jurisdictions. All but seven of the one hundred and fifty-nine subordinate Chapters were represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest opens his annual address as follows, viz.:

"With feelings of pride and satisfaction I greet you at this Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. The year has been filled with much of interest, and with it has come its corresponding work on the part of your Grand High Priest. However, the work has been a pleasure to me, and, if such a thing were possible, served only to increase and intensify my interest in and love for the Order. Many of your faces are very familiar to me; many of you are regular attendants at the meetings of this Grand Body, while others are here for the first time; but all intent upon doing whatsoever in you lies to further the interest and enhance for good results the power of the Royal Craft. This has been the busiest year in our history; a larger increase in numbers is shown than ever before, and little has occurred to mar or interrupt the work of the year. And I am pleased to say that throughout the entire Jurisdiction peace, good order and prosperity abideth continually. I therefore bid you an earnest and sincere welcome, and trust that our united efforts may serve to better fit us for future tasks and added burdens, and that the sum of our efforts will prove of lasting and permanent benefit to our noble Order."

Under the head of Necrology the Grand High Priest says:

"In this connection I desire to make special mention of one whom we

all loved and whose voice was ever raised in the interests of Capitular and Symbolic Masonry. Excellent Companion S. Stacker Williams passed to his eternal rest on April 3, 1904, mourned not only by this Grand Jurisdiction, but wheresoever Symbolic and Capitular Masonry are revered. He served this Grand Chapter several years as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, doing his duty faithfully, cheerfully and well. His strenuous efforts in the suppression of spurious Masonry in Ohio justly merit our sincere gratitude. At a time when the foundation of Masonry was assailed our Excellent Companion Williams was at the helm, and by his forceful and intelligent handling of the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, he steered the craft to a fair haven. The standard of Symbolic Masonry in Ohio to-day is a fitting monument to the zeal and energy of our departed Companion. I cannot describe in any better or more fitting language the earnestness of Excellent Companion Williams in his love for Capitular Masonry than to quote the closing words of his last report to this Grand Chapter on foreign correspondence, when he said, 'To you, our well-beloved Companions, we extend our hands in greeting and farewell, assuring you that our best and latest efforts shall be for the upholding of our glorious principles to which we are pledged.' "

Quite a number of dispensations were granted to elect and install officers in subordinate Chapters, to move into new quarters and to change places of meeting and meeting night temporarily. Dispensations were refused in two instances for Chapters to go to other places than their own towns to confer degrees, in doing which the Grand High Priest gives the following excellent reason:

"In refusing to grant these dispensations I felt it was for the best interest of Capitular Masonry. I believe we should not show an undue desire to confer degrees to such an extent as to authorize a Chapter to make pilgrimages beyond its chartered rights and privileges for that purpose alone; and for that reason, which appeared to me to be sufficient, I deemed it just and proper to refuse the same, believing it to be for the best interest of the Royal Craft so to do."

January 25, 1904, a dispensation was issued to twenty-one Companions at Shelby, Richland County, for the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known as Shelby Chapter U. D.

May 10, 1904, a dispensation was granted to twelve Companions of the city of Cincinnati for the establishment of a Chapter in that part of the city known as Hyde Park, to be known as Delta Chapter U. D.; accompanying this application was a list of 121 names of Master Masons signifying their intention of making application for the degrees in Delta Chapter.

October 30, 1903, the Grand High Priest, assisted by six P. G. H. Ps. and a number of E. Companions, constituted Port Lawrence Chapter, No. 176, in the city of Toledo and installed the officers.

November 19, 1903, the Grand High Priest issued his proxy to M. E. Comp. Frank Crumit, G. M. 3d Veil, to constitute Wellston Chapter, No. 174, and install its officers.

November 11, 1903, the Grand High Priest issued his proxy to M. E. Comp. Reuben C. Lemmon, P. G. H. P., to constitute Lyons Chapter, No. 175, at Lyons, Ohio.

December 2, 1903, the Grand High Priest issued his proxy to E. Comp. H. E. Morrison, P. H. P. of Webb Chapter, No. 14, to constitute Wakeman Chapter, No. 177, and install its officers.

Only two Chapters were officially inspected during the year —Cumberland Chapter, No. 116, at Caldwell, and Thatcher Chapter, No. 101, at Cleveland. We deem the Grand High Priest's reason for there not being more inspected worthy a place in our report, viz.:

"In view of the good results that had already been obtained by the visitation and the inspection of the work of the various Chapters of the State, in the early part of the official year it had been fully determined to have each Chapter in the State visited by an officer appointed for that purpose, and a written report made thereon which might be submitted to this Grand Body for its consideration and action. However, after giving the matter careful thought and consideration, in view of the fact that the subordinate Chapters had had but little time to equip themselves prop-

erly under the revised ritual and supply themselves with the necessary paraphernalia for the new or revised work, and also in view of the further fact that a new journey had been promulgated by this Grand Body and that this had not reached the Subordinate Chapters until late in March—in the latter part of February of the present year I had a consultation with my associate Grand Officers, and they, with me, fully concurred in the wisdom of eliminating a general inspection of the Subordinate Chapters of the State for the present year. * * * * I am a thorough believer in the inspection of Subordinate Chapters. It has accomplished a great deal of good, and will continue to be resourceful in good to these bodies. Chapters are more wide-awake, the members are more interested, and the work of a higher order because of inspections. I would therefore recommend that during the coming year a thorough and complete inspection of all the Subordinate Chapters be had, care being taken in the selection of the inspecting officers."

The only question submitted to the Grand High Priest during the year which he deemed worthy of a decision was:

"Q. Can a Companion be elected to and serve in two elective offices in a Chapter?

"A. No."

Regarding which the Committee on Jurisprudence says that it

"finds that the decisions of the Grand High Priest are in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter and recommends that the same be approved and adopted as the decisions of the Grand Chapter."

An interesting matter comes up from Willis Chapter, No. 131, as follows: In 1878 Bro. A. received the Mark and Past Master degrees in E. T. Carson Chapter, No. 127, of Yellow Springs. His name does not appear in the return of that Chapter thereafter; its last return was made in 1881, and charter surrendered in 1884. In 1904 the brother applied to Willis Chapter for the M. E. and R. A. degrees, indicating that he was not certain about the payment of his dues, but was never notified of being dropped for non-payment. On being referred to the Grand High Priest, he says in a letter to the High Priest of Willis Chapter:

"The question presented by your letter, to say the least, is a very peculiar one, for the reason that no Chapter would be authorized to confer these remaining degrees except on a certificate of merit and good standing from the Chapter conferring the first two degrees. The Chapter so conferring these degrees having ceased to exist, there would be no one in authority who could issue a certificate as stated. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the matter had better be brought before the Grand Chapter at its next Convocation for such disposition as the merits of the case and the premises would justify."

The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report providing as follows was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"Your committee is of the opinion that Willis Chapter should receive from the Secretary of the Grand Chapter a certificate of the fact that said degrees were conferred upon a brother of the same name as the petitioner, giving the dates of the conference of each of said degrees, together with any further record of said brother that may appear in the annual returns from said extinct Chapter; after which, before Willis Chapter shall take any further action upon his petition, it must satisfy itself as to the identity of the petitioner with the brother who is reported to have received said degrees and as to the moral and other qualifications of the applicant, and that since receiving said degrees he has not been suspended or expelled by any Chapter. Being satisfied on these points, Willis Chapter may then act upon the petition as in other cases."

Waiver of jurisdiction was granted in one case on a brother sojourning in Maryland and was requested in two instances of this Jurisdiction through our M. E. Grand High Priest, one of which was granted and the other refused, the latter "being on the ground that the brother had not had the degree of Past Master conferred upon him."

In concluding the Grand High Priest says:

"I desire to extend my earnest thanks to my associate officers and also to the Past Grand Officers of this Body for their continued and earnest help and the courtesies extended to me by them on all occasions, and I particularly desire to extend my thanks to our very efficient Grand Secretary, who has been faithful in the performance of every duty and earnest

in my behalf to in every way lighten the labor necessarily incurred by the duties imposed upon me. * * * * One year ago you elevated me to this high position. I keenly appreciated the honor then, and I sincerely acknowledge it now. I have endeavored to so perform the respective duties of the office as to further and advance the cause and interest of the whole fraternity. And as I lay down the gavel and welcome my successor, I do so with a grateful heart and with assurances of the high regard I bear you all."

The Grand Secretary reports complete returns from every Chapter in the State, and collection of all grand dues and Masonic Home tax.

The Committee on Necrology say:

"Three hundred and seventeen good men and true have passed through the portals of death and taken their places in that world beyond the grave where sickness and sorrow are no more and the light of God's countenance is eternal joy and peace.

"To us is the sorrow symbolized by the iron tones of the funeral bells, and yet those solemn tones bear with them also the promise of Him who said: 'I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am ye may be also;' giving to the loved ones left behind the sweet comfort of a living hope for a reunion in the land where happiness is eternal and parting is no more. * * * *

"Though no officers or permanent members of this Grand Chapter have been taken, yet our sister Jurisdictions have been less fortunate. Within our own bright chaplet of States, from the granite-ribbed hills of Maine to the everglades of Florida, and from where the broad Atlantic washes the shores of Maryland to the golden sands of California, from fourteen of our States, and in foreign Jurisdictions from Nova Scotia upon this western continent to the islands of New Zealand in the far East, come the voices of the mourners lamenting the death of eminent Masons chosen from among their brethren to lead and guide them in their councils—leaders as well in their several walks in life. True and faithful workers in the cause of Masonry, they have left their mark upon its work and character within their several spheres of action."

A number of By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws were recommended and adopted. Some received a negative recommendation which was also adopted by the Grand Chapter, the most important among which latter being:

1. A resolution from Wyoming Chapter, No. 146, proposing to change the By-Laws, fixing the fees for degrees at $20, which is held to be seriously in conflict with the code.

2. Striking out Section 2 of Article VII of the By-Laws of Delta Chapter U. D., which reads as follows: "Each Mark Master will be required to register his mark in the mark book before receiving the Royal Arch degree," the Committee stating that they are of opinion that all Mark Masters should adopt and have registered a mark, yet they hesitate to approve this section, as in their opinion the code does not seem to justify it.

A resolution was adopted increasing the salary of the Grand Secretary from $600 to $1000. There was only one matter before the Committee on Grievances, viz., the appeal of Comp. R. R. Lawson from the action of Youngstown Chapter, No. 93, which appeal was dismissed and the action of the Chapter approved.

An interesting statement regarding the early history of the Masonic Home is given. The matter was first suggested by M. E. Grand High Priest W. B. Hillman in his address to the Grand Chapter at Springfield, October 3, 1888, and after the usual and necessary appointment of committees and attendant reports and delays the matter was accomplished and the cornerstone was laid October 19, 1892; M. W. Bro. Levi C. Gooddale, G. M., presided; it was dedicated October 23, 1895. M. W. Bro. Carroll F. Clapp, Grand Master, presiding, and was "opened for residents April 1, 1897."

In the "Afterthoughts" of the very zealous and capable Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. E. Past Grand High Priest Graff M. Acklin, we find "food for thought" in

"The perusal of the Grand Chapter proceedings covering the last two years has proved of interest. The writer hereof confesses to great aston-

ishment, however, at the apparently careless manner in which reference has frequently been made to the subject of rituals and ciphers. It may be proof of extreme conservatism, but we lean to the idea that certain Masonic subjects should not be treated in writing, printing or painting, and we have been amazed at the frankness and openness with which the subject has sometimes been handled.

"In the legislation of our Grand Bodies can be discovered a tendency to modernize Masonry. In this modernizing process much of the quaint charm and impressive dignity of the institution is lost.

"In our review of Pennsylvania, we quoted the sentiment of Companion Stockton Bates as expressed in his review of Illinois. Would that his forcible words might be boldly emblazoned on the walls of all our Grand Chapter halls.

"Companion Bates said: 'The very principles of Freemasonry are archaic as well as its language of expression. It was founded in the hope of immutability, and the preservation of its forms and ceremonies depends upon preserving them in their ancient garb and within their ancient landmarks. Change may come, indeed, has come to the institution; but change is the beginning of disintegration and decay. We may even come to admire and enjoy new forms, but we cannot revere them. Hence, if Freemasonry is to endure, it must be preserved inviolate. When progress invades its sacred precincts with innovations, the institution is no longer Masonic. There is no new thing in what Freemasonry teaches. There is even no secret virtue, not known to Confucius, taught in its ritualism. It is the form alone through which its teachings are conveyed that segregates it from other forms of moral force.'"

In conclusion, Companion Acklin says:

"Even a hurried perusal of the several Grand Chapter proceedings would satisfy one of the great prosperity and wide-awake popularity of the Masonic institution. We might gravely consider the question whether or not Masonry is not too popular. The friendly rivalry between subordinate bodies is not as to how well, but how often, the ballot is passed. In this emulation for further increase in numbers is an element of weakness. Let us interest ourselves concerning the quality of our membership rather than the quantity."

Comp. Lewis P. Schaus, Newark, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, R. E. Grand Secretary.

R. E. U.

OHIO, 1905.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio convened in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Springfield, October 4, 1905. There were present the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from 152 of the 161 subordinate Chapters. After the formalities attending the opening of the Grand Chapter an eloquent, earnest and interesting address of welcome on behalf of the Companions and citizens of Springfield was delivered by Comp. Rev. Charles G. Heckert and was responded to in kind by M. E. Comp. Jacob H. Bromwell for the Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest, covering twenty-six pages, begins as follows:

"COMPANIONS:—It affords me much pleasure to extend to you fraternal greetings, and to welcome you to this, the Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

"I trust, Companions, that your visit to this beautiful City of Fraternal Homes will be an enjoyable one, and the result of your deliberations prove both pleasant and profitable.

"Another year has passed, and once more, in the providence of God, we are permitted to assemble to render an account of our stewardship. Let us therefore enter upon our duties in a spirit of thankfulness that our official line has been unbroken, and harmony and prosperity have prevailed throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

"Our net gain in membership during the past year was 1363. This is only 84 short of last year, which was the banner year in the history of the Grand Chapter.

"While the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on its increase in membership, on the many good men and true who have been added to its rolls, let us not forget that many of the subordinate Chapters have been called upon to mourn the loss of Companions near and dear to them.

"During the past year 296 Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction have been touched by the icy hand of death and have gone to their reward. Many of them were active in the work of their Chapters and will be sorely

missed in their councils. Of these Companions we say, 'Peace to their ashes, rest to their souls,' and to their bereft friends we offer our brotherly love and sympathy.

"They stand upon the misty shore,
Faint forms of loved ones gone before."

Seventeen special dispensations were granted during the year by the Grand High Priest, most of them referring to the election and installation of officers and holding meetings at places other than the permanent quarters. Three dispensations were refused; no dispensations were granted for the establishment of new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest made about twenty official visits to subordinate Chapters during the year, which he says were a source of great pleasure and he believes were appreciated by the Companions of the Chapters visited, stating that,

"The Chapters visited have been most cordial in their treatment and some of them lavish in their hospitality."

Three decisions are noted, but none of them of new or important questions in our Grand Jurisdiction.

About five pages of the address are given to an account of an extraordinary Convocation of the Grand Chapter in the city of Toledo, June 6, 1905, when the apartments of the new Masonic Temple set apart for that purpose were dedicated to the uses of Capitular Masonry. The occasion was one long to be remembered. The Grand High Priest says:

"The Masons of Toledo are to be congratulated on their beautiful and commodious new Temple which is to be dedicated exclusively to the uses of Freemasonry."

There seems to be no prescribed form for the dedication of Chapter apartments in Ohio. M. E. Comp. William M. Cunningham, Past Grand High Priest, at the request of the Grand

High Priest, prepared a very beautiful and appropriate ceremony, which is given in full in the Grand Master's address.

The address closes with:

"Many of us who are here to-day may be missing when next we meet in Annual Convocation. To those let us say:

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The strength and force of a good example and life well spent cannot be overestimated. We therefore quote liberally from the report of the Committee on Necrology regarding M. E. Comp. Reuben Compton Lemmon, who died September 6, 1905, in the eighty-first year of his age:

"For thirty-eight years the writer has met Companion Lemmon in all of the Grand Bodies of Masonry—has, as his associate upon committees, around the festive board, in professional and social life, learned to admire the keen judgment, ready resource and broad intelligence which made him an authority upon Masonic law and his decisions a portion of settled Masonic jurisprudence.

"In his judicial capacity he had few equals and no superiors upon the Common Pleas Bench of the State, while his sturdy honesty, his legal acumen, his courteous treatment of the members of the bar who practiced in his court won not only their respect but their high esteem as well; and more than all, to know the great, generous heart within his bosom, that, reaching out, not only gathered to his soul those who were his immediate associates, but led him to encourage the young men, the tyros in Masonic life and in their profession, giving to them freely of his experience and bearing kindly their mistakes; and the genial, kindly nature which made him the life of the social meetings.

To him the words of the poet apply with a special fitness—

"'None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise.'

"Words can scarcely express the depth of our sorrow and the greatness of our loss.

"His funeral pall was covered with flowers, the tributes of friends and brethren in this and other States, and with the beautiful and impressive Masonic burial service, conducted by the officers of the Grand Lodge, he was by the loving hands of his Masonic brethren laid.

"In his windowless palace of rest."

The Proceedings contain a full, complete and interesting report of sixteen pages of officers of the Ohio Masonic Home.

There are three excellent photogravures in this report, one of Lewis P. Schaus, the retiring Grand High Priest, one of Reuben Compton Lemmon, and in the Report on Foreign Correspondence, under Iowa, a group picture of eight Grand High Priests of that State.

About eleven pages of the 175 of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is taken up by a very interesting introductory statement of historical and symbolical character, which is well prepared, and we regret that space will not permit us to quote liberally therefrom. We congratulate M. E. Comp. W. M. Cunningham on this report and recommend its careful perusal by the Companions throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Comp. William A. Reiter, Miamisburg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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OREGON, 1905.

The Proceedings of the Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Oregon, includ-

ing the excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence, is a neat volume of about 225 pages; the initial page of which is illumined with a splendid portrait of M. E. Comp. Thomas F. Ryan, G. H. P. 1904-1905, and judging from the button in the lapel of his coat and the apparent twinkle in his eye, we risk the statement that his Masonic enthusiasm is not confined exclusively to the symbolic and Royal Arch degrees.

The Convocation was held January 12, 1905, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland. All the Grand Officers were present, with ten Past Grand High Priests and three Past Grand Lecturers and the Grand Representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Bodies; the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania was not represented and by reference to the list of Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Oregon it appears we have no Grand Representative. Twenty-five of the twenty-eight chartered Chapters were present.

The address of the Grand High Priest (twelve pages) contains a full and well-expressed statement of the matters of the year requiring official attention and consideration. The first paragraph, while of some length, we deem, under the circumstances, eminently worthy a place in this report and quote it in full:

"COMPANIONS:—It seems but yesterday that I received from your hands the emblem of my authority as your Grand High Priest, and yet to-day we come together to review the labor of a whole year, and to legislate for the future welfare and prosperity of our Royal Craft. I congratulate you, one and all, for the year has been one of peace and happiness, as well as prosperity and growth in all our Chapters. Never in the history of Capitular Masonry in Oregon has its Grand Chapter met under more favorable or auspicious circumstances than does it at this, its Forty-fifth Annual Convocation. Symbolic Masonry thrives and flourishes, and Capitular Masonry is making rapid progress not only in a numerical sense, but in a more intelligent understanding and interpretation of the principles of our

institution, and in the knowledge and exemplification of the work, so essential to its success. It has been a year of prosperity for our beloved country, for with bounteous crops and growing commerce, at peace with and respected by all the nations of the earth, its power and influence are acknowledged wherever civilization holds sway. In our own fair State, fields teeming with golden grain, orchards bending with the weight of splendid fruit, hills and mountains covered with grazing stock, warehouses overflowing with wool, hops and products of our soil, mills, shops and factories in motion, rivers teeming with our lordly salmon, forests of valuable timber, inexhaustible lodes of precious minerals, and our docks filled with goods for export, attracts the attention and excites the admiration of the whole world, whose gaze is turned upon us, in this, our centennial year; representatives of the East and the West, the North and the South, of every nation and from every clime, are now with and will be among us for months to come, commemorating in fitting manner the work and achievements of those two great pioneers and explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who, not unlike those Most Excellent Masters, to whom Royal Arch Masonry owes so much and honors so well, while recognizing that trials and difficulties awaited them, that rough, rugged and dangerous would be the way before them, resolved that even at risk of life they would venture forth into the pathless wilderness to assist in the promotion of the noble and glorious work of acquiring knowledge regarding an almost unknown country, and to place it under the protecting fold of that flag that meant, one hundred years ago, as it means to-day, liberty, prosperity, and happiness to all who live beneath it."

Of the Grand Officers, death claimed E. Comp. John Dukehart, Grand Sentinel, who died suddenly November 1, 1904; of the subordinate Chapters the Grand High Priest gives a list of thirty-one who were called to rest, who

"Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking,
Morn of toil, nor night of waking."

He gives a list of the notable dead in eighteen sister Grand Jurisdictions, including M. E. Comps. Past Grand High Priests George E. Wagner and Richard M. Johnson, and Comp. Samuel I. Given of this Grand Jurisdiction.

"They died to live,
Then why should mortal man complain
Of death, which leads to happier life?"

No petitions for dispensations to open and hold new Chapters were received during the year, and we think the Grand High Priest is to be commended on his view in that regard, when he says:

"I have deemed it more advisable to encourage and assist in the upbuilding and strengthening of Chapters already constituted than to make any effort towards the institution of new ones."

And this spirit is further manifested in the action of the Grand High Priest in taking up the dispensation issued January 4, 1904, to Alec. Martin, Jr., *et al.* to open and hold a Chapter at Klamath Falls, to be known as Klamath Chapter, and having the dimits returned to the Companions so they could affiliate with other Chapters.

The Grand High Priest lays considerable stress on the importance of the work of the degrees being done in the subordinate Chapters in conformity with that adopted by the General Grand Chapter as set out in the ritual published and distributed by the General Grand Chapter, and he has had correspondence with all the subordinate Chapters regarding the matter, and while he found that nearly all the Chapters have received at some time a copy of such ritual, in nearly every instance it has been mislaid or lost, and he found but few Chapters using the work as set out in the same, and his most important recommendation is,

"That each High Priest be required to turn over to his successor in office the said copy of ritual, in his possession as High Priest, on the night of installation and that the Grand Secretary procure a sufficient number of copies of said ritual from the General Grand Secretary so that each Chapter may be placed in possession of one."

While called upon frequently to decide questions, and while many questions were propounded, the Grand High Priest was not required to make a single decision which he deemed worthy of being presented for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

A number of visitations were made during the year—official and otherwise—and in nearly every instance we find enthusiastic Companions working for the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry and a more thorough understanding of the work, and with such men and such objects excellence will surely be obtained, and the Grand High Priest concludes his interesting address as follows:

"If I have failed to use the gavel that I received from your hands for the best interests of our Royal Craft, it has not been for lack of zeal or desire to promote the glorious principles and objects of our time-honored institution. The grand work of Masonry must be done through agency of Lodge and Chapter. Let us therefore address ourselves to that part of the work committed to our care, with a prayer to the Great Father of all that He will sustain us in our efforts and that our labors may be of such character that you and all of us may return to our homes satisfied that we are better men and better Masons for having attended this Convocation."

The Committee on Grievances reports:

"That no matters of difference exist in our Grand Jurisdiction requiring the attention of your Committee. 'Peace is within our walls and prosperity within our palaces.'"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (116 pages) is submitted by Comp. J. M. Hodson, Chairman, and is his eighteenth, and is bright and full of interest He reviews forty-eight Proceedings and Pennsylvania is of this number, to which he devotes three pages.

The conclusion of the Report on Correspondence regarding general statistics of Capitular Masonry is very interesting and we think deserves a place in every review of the Proceedings of Oregon, viz.:

"In the United States there are forty-four Grand Chapters practicing what should be known as the American Royal Arch Rite, because in its esotery there is an approach to uniformity, the prerequisites are the same,

the list of degrees and official routine are the same, or very nearly so. These Grand Chapters have a fraction less than 3,000 subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of about 275,000. In British North America there are three Grand Chapters, one of which uses the American system, the other two a mixture of the English and American. They have 110 subordinate Chapters, with approximately 8,000 members. In the English system, the Royal Arch is treated as the fourth degree, and the Chapters are attached to Lodges of the Ancient Craft, though independently maintaining a Grand Chapter, the business of which is almost entirely managed by a Council of Administration, or Committee of General Purposes. We are without statistics regarding the number of Royal Arch Masons, but from conversations had with those who have traveled in England and to some extent associated with English Masonry, we think the Royal Arch is rather exclusive and attained by comparatively few, probably reaching but little, if any, above 5,000. The officers, legend and esotery differ in many respects from the American Rite, the Council consisting of First, Second and Third Grand Principals, answering to King, Priest and Prophet, Veils nor Masters of the Veils not appearing in the work. In the Grand Chapters of Ireland the degrees and work are entirely different from both the English and American systems, but about thirty years ago a change was made, in which they now resemble the American system more nearly than any other, though the presiding officer is King, followed by High Priest and Scribe. The other officers correspond almost exactly with American Grand Officers, both in title and ritualistic duties. There are 175 Chapters, with approximately 8,000 members. The Chapter degrees preliminary to the Royal Arch were formerly: Past Master, Excellent Master and Super Excellent Master, but we are not advised whether in the change to American Royal Arch the prerequisities were changed. The Grand Chapter of Scotland is organized with officers identical with the Grand Chapter of England, and the prerequisities to the Royal Arch are Mark, Past, Excellent and Super Excellent degrees. We have made effort to secure statistical information of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, but so far with meagre results. It probably has about 100 Chapters and approximately 6,000 members. A conservative estimate would place the number of affiliated Royal Arch Masons in the world at 310,000, with about ninety per cent. working the American Rite and the other closely kindred rites.

"There are three Royal Arch Degrees, or three degrees denominated Royal Arch, belonging to the different systems of esoteric teaching. For distinction, the American is termed the Royal Arch of Zerubbabel, and in most features corresponds with the ceremonies and teachings as practiced in English Chapters. The Royal Arch of Solomon is the thirteenth degree

of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as practiced in Lodges of Perfection all over the world. The Royal Arch of Enoch is based upon the legend and history of the seventh patriarch, who, according to the story, lived 365 years upon the earth, and 'was not, for God took him.' No matter by which route the Masonic student may travel, the discovery of the True Word is the goal. There is no history of the Royal Arch degree to which we can point as safely reliable. Many writers assert that anciently the experiences and teachings formed the last section of the Master Mason degree, and that during the rivalry between the regular Grand Lodge of England and the seceders, which began in 1738 and ended in 1813, the section was segregated and formed into a degree and fully recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England upon the latter date, when the union was effected and the present Grand Lodge of England formed, which declared at its meeting in 1813: 'That Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch.'

"In foreign Grand Jurisdictions admission as visitors is based upon patents and diplomas. No amount of knowledge of the ritual of any of the systems of teachings would be sufficient. You must first have the invitation from a member and then produce the recognized documents. In Canadian Lodges and Chapters the usage of visiting is much like that practiced in the United States, but even there the traveling brother will find documentary evidence very valuable.

"In theory, Masonry is universal. In practice, while the principles taught are almost identical, the rites and usages are at wide variance. Almost all there is of Royal Arch Masonry of any variety is confined to the English-speaking people, while the Scottish Rite is found in some form in all, even half-civilized, nations, except Russia, in which no Masonry of any rite has ever gained a foothold."

Edward Biddle, Dallas, Oregon, M. E. Grand High Priest.
James F. Robinson, Eugene, Oregon, R. E. Grand Secretary.
R. E. U.

QUEBEC, 1905.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled March 28, 1905, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal.

The death of the Grand Treasurer since the last Grand Con-

vocation caused the only vacancy among the Grand Officers, besides whom there were present quite a number of Past Grand Officers and Grand Representatives and fifty-six registered and named as Representatives of the eleven subordinate Chapters. Among the distinguished visitors present who were presented, welcomed and received with honors becoming their rank were M. E. the Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, M. E. Comp. Abram Shaw, and M. E. Comp. the Hon. John V. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest of New Brunswick.

The spirit permeating the opening words of the Grand First Prin. Z. in his annual address prompts us to quote liberally from the same:

"We are again met in Annual Convocation to deliberate upon the work of the past year, and to legislate for the future. I therefore bid you an earnest and sincere welcome to this our Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation, and trust that our united efforts will prove of lasting and permanent benefit to our noble Order.

"Believing as we do, in the Fatherhood of God, let us with all due reverence and humility render thanks to the Supreme Architect for the manifold comforts and blessings we have enjoyed during the past year, and ask for the further continuance of His guidance upon all our deliberations.

"The year just passed has been the busiest one in our history; a larger increase in membership is shown than ever before, and I am pleased to say that throughout the entire Jurisdiction—peace, good order and prosperity prevail.

"While we have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon our increased membership, let us remember that numerical strength is not the only object for which we are laboring.

"Our material should be well looked after, and only that which passes successfully the scrutiny of our Master Overseer should be accepted. 'Let us guard well our portals.'

"Not only in our Jurisdiction has there been a marked increase, but throughout the entire continent there has been a steady growth of membership never before experienced in Capitular Masonry.

"The past year has been one of prosperity to us as citizens of the

Dominion of Canada, and of the great empire of which we are so justly proud. And while we, as a nation, are at peace with the rest of the world, let us hope and pray that the present war now going on in the Far East will soon terminate, and that peace may once more prevail throughout the entire world."

The Grand Chapter of Quebec was called to mourn the loss of a number of its beloved and valued Companions during the year.

At the meeting of their last Grand Convocation, Rt. Ex. Comp. W. J. Haire was present, seemingly "enjoying the full vigor of health," and was elected and installed Gr. Principal Sojourner, and just eighteen days thereafter he was suddenly stricken down by the grim reaper. Regarding him the Grand Z. says:

"Companion Haire was a valuable member of this Grand Chapter, and of sterling worth to Capitular Masonry in general, being an ardent and painstaking member of his own Chapter (Mount Horeb) to which he was greatly attached. His death was untimely and his Companions mourn his loss."

Notwithstanding the love and affection the Companions bore to Comp. Haire and the many others whose loss they were called to mourn, their sorest affliction and greatest loss came to them in the death of their "most beloved and widely known M. E. Comp. Albert D. Nelson, P. G. First Principal of their Grand Chapter and Grand Treasurer."

The action of the Grand Chapter on his death shows conclusively the high place he occupied in the love and hearts of the Companions of his Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Z. says:

"Companion Nelson held the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Body since 1878 until the time of his death, with the exception of three years, when he was filling the offices of Grand H. and Grand Z., to which his Companions elected him as a token of the esteem and love which they held for him, and as a just reward for the many valuable services he had rendered this Grand Chapter. He was a good citizen, a true friend, and a

beloved and honored Freemason. No words of mine can adequately describe his sterling manner and the good qualities he possessed. To his family we offer our most sincere sympathy and consolation in this their sad bereavement, and may the Almighty Father care for and protect them during their remaining years."

And he suggests the propriety of printing in the Proceedings the memorial issued from their Grand Jurisdiction at the time of the death of Companion Nelson. The Committee on Grand Z.'s Address say:

"Your Committee realize the serious loss which the Grand Chapter has sustained in the death of our esteemed and much lamented Past Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion Albert D. Nelson, who at the time of his demise occupied the important position of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter. He was a manly man. The gracious manner, the cheery smile, and the warm clasp of his hand shall not be seen nor felt any more. Alas! What shadows we are! Let us take what comfort we can from these linese:

"Beautiful twilight—at set of sun,
Beautiful goal—with race all run;
Beautiful rest—with work all done."

Among other strong statements in the memorial above referred to we find:

"Companion Nelson was a hard-working business man, and a highly respected member of the commercial community; upright and just he won the respect of all with whom he came in touch. Courteous in his intercourse with all men, genial and fraternal in his contact with his Brethren, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

A commendable spirit of humility, fraternal regard, affection and esteem pervades the whole of the Grand Z.'s part as printed in the Proceedings, which is nobly manifested in that part of his address styled "Official Acts."

Only three dispensations were asked for during the year, and they were all granted, and the Grand Z. says:

"I am pleased to report that during the last year I have not been called

upon to render any decision, or give any rulings, which fact proves most conclusively that those Companions which have been selected by the different Chapters, as First Principals, are capable and efficient officers, and fully acquainted with the Constitution."

Only one request for release of jurisdiction was made, on which general subject the Grand Z. makes the following timely remark:

" * * * * To request the release of Jurisdiction by sister Grand Chapters of the material within their Jurisdiction simply for the purpose of joining some particular Chapter, or to satisfy some personal motive, I am directly opposed to."

A number of official visits were made during the year, and from the report we conclude they were all sources of extreme pleasure to the visiting Companions and of immense profit to the subordinate Chapters visited, and several visits were made by the Grand Z. to functions of one character or another of other Masonic bodies, the one designated as the most notable Masonic event of the year being a banquet September 17, 1904, at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, tendered to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Sup. Gr. M. of the Gt. Priory Knights Templar of England and Wales, and his very eminent associates.

The affairs of the Grand Chapter were in such satisfactory condition that the Grand Z. had only one recommendation, viz.:

"That the Finance Committee make an allowance of a suitable amount for each year for postage, telegrams and other similar items for the office of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., for I feel sure Grand Chapter should not expect the incumbent of that office to assume the expenses demanded by its requirements and business."

At the last Grand Convocation the first Grand Lecturer was appointed, and at this Grand Convocation he submitted his first report, which is full of interest and information. He details

particularly his visits to the several subordinate Chapters and remarks generally:

"The adoption of the revised Work by Grand Chapter, thus giving to Quebec a distinct ritual of its own, will, beyond doubt, result beneficially to the Royal Craft in this province. Formerly two or three rituals were in use in this Jurisdiction, and taking into consideration the fact that the majority of our Chapters were widely separated, it was to be expected that many differences in the exemplification of the several degrees would be met with, but, by the use of the authorized ritual and the careful supervision of a Lecturer, these differences will soon disappear and uniformity in this province will be obtained. The adoption last year by Grand Chapter of a Book of Ceremonies, particularly governing the installation of officers, will ensure regularity in this respect. * * * * In my visits I find that the Companions take a deep interest in R. A. Masonry, and I believe the reproach so often heard, 'that the Chapter is only the stepping stone for another branch of Masonry,' does not in the least degree hold good in this province."

Which report was heartily approved by the Committee, who say:

"Your Committee desires to congratulate Grand Chapter on having secured so capable and indefatigable an officer for this work, and heartily recommend his reappointment for the ensuing year, believing it will very much advance Capitular Masonry."

M. E. Comp. E. Edgar Channell, Stanstead, Grand Z.
M. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

R. E. U.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota, convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Aberdeen, June 15, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435, at 9 A.M., M. E. Grand High Priest George H. Perry presiding. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and with prayer by E. Acting Grand Chaplain Benjamin

F. Ives. There were present seven Past Grand High Priests, twenty-two Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania; twenty-one Past High Priests, and Representatives and proxies from subordinate Chapters. By resolution, all Companion Royal Arch Masons in good standing in the city were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest begins his address with an apt poetical quotation:

"The years of man are the looms of God
Handed down from the face of the sun,
Wherein we are weaving, ever
'Till the mystic web is done,
Weaving blindly, yet weaving surely,
Each unto himself his fate.
We know not how the right side looks—
We can only weave and wait,
The wheels are turning early and late,
And the woof is woven in the warp of fate.
When will this mystic web be done?
A thousand years perhaps, or one.
Who knoweth? Not you nor I,
But the wheels still turn and the shuttles fly."

He speaks of the unparalleled material prosperity of the country, and adds that in their Grand Jurisdiction, at least, Masonry has more than kept pace with the general trend of prosperity, showing the past year to have surpassed all former years in its history, particularly in Capitular Masonry. He very feelingly refers to the ravages of death among distinguished Companions in other Grand Jurisdictions. While he mentions the death of Past Grand High Priest Richard M. Johnson, of Pennsylvania, the name of Past Grand High Priest George E. Wagner is not mentioned. Under the head of visitations he speaks in most flattering terms of the fine condition in which he found the several Chapters, their interest in

Capitular Masonry, and their activity. A new Chapter was constituted at Groton and named Groton Chapter, No. 39. He reports three decisions made. The first one was on a case of rather rare occurrence. He says:

"On November 6, 1904, I received a communication from Salem Chapter, No. 34, giving information, in effect that a Brother Master Mason had petitioned to that Chapter and was balloted upon favorably February 4, 1904, but owing to the fact of being unable to secure a full team, the degrees were not conferred at that time. That on or about June 1, the candidate moved from his former home to Ethan, South Dakota, which town is in the territorial jurisdiction of Mitchell Chapter, No. 16, and that he requested a waiver from Salem, No. 34, in favor of Mitchell, No. 16. The communication stated further that subsequent to the ballot the candidate had been guilty of unmasonic conduct, and that objections *would* be made to his receiving the degrees in that Chapter should he present himself for such, and requesting advice as to the proper procedure; also requesting advice as to what should be done with the fee which had been paid. I advised that neither Salem, nor the Grand Chapter, would be bound to take notice of such rumors, only so far as it might put the local Chapter upon inquiry with the view of ascertaining the truth in relation to the matter, quoting also the law as prescribed in Article 19, page 14, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter adopted June 16, 1898. I also advised that the candidate was still within the jurisdiction of Salem Chapter, No. 34, and would so remain so long as he resided within the borders of this State or until he received his degrees and dimitted, or was rejected and his fee returned to him, or until Salem Chapter granted a waiver. I also advised that I could find no time limit fixed as relates to the action a Chapter should take in such a case, but that Masonic courtesy would seem to require action within a reasonable length of time, as holding an applicant's fee and denying him the degrees was scarcely in harmony with our ancient customs and landmarks."

The above case is certainly badly complicated. These difficulties arise from two causes—the *team* and individual Chapter Jurisdiction. By using two substitutes, the petitioner for the Royal Arch degree could have received his degree when elected and his fee paid. The legal requirements would have been met, and no falsehood enacted; two were exalted as sub-

stitutes. Individual Chapter territorial jurisdiction often works hardship on persons intending to petition for initiation and membership. They may have good and sufficient reasons for preferring some other Chapter than the one in whose prescribed territory they may reside. The Chapter to which they make application should inquire of the Chapter nearest the residence of the petitioner whether it has any Masonic objection to their Chapter acting on the application. If objections exist that will stop all further action so long as the objections remain, this prevents any imposition on the Chapter receiving the petition and also accords to the petitioner the right to choose his Masonic home. In this particular case, if the applicant had received his degree in February, 1904, the un-Masonic conduct might not have been committed. The second question submitted for decision was:

"What is the standing of a Mason in a Chapter, who had dimitted from the Blue Lodge?

"*Answer*: It is the Masonic law, that no one can be a better Mason in the higher bodies than he is in the lower. This would apply to all now affiliated, whether voluntary or forced, hence a dimitted Mason of the lower bodies could not be an affiliate in good standing in any of the higher, provided, of course, the higher bodies had proper notice, and from your statement of the case, the party to whom you refer could not be a Chapter Mason in good standing while being a non-affiliate of the Mother Lodge."

A correct decision. He concludes his address as follows:

"I love Masonry. I love it for its lofty ideals, its universal language, its origin, which, without doubt, is of a greater antiquity than that of civil, ecclesiastical or other order wrought from chaos by the dominion of man. I love it for the purity, simplicity and yet sublimity of its teachings; for the great good it has done to the peoples of the earth; for its humanizing influences and for the power of restraint it exerts upon the passions and prejudices of man."

John K. Kutnewsky, M. E. Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

TENNESSEE.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, January 23, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Fred. C. Watkins presided. There were present eleven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, thirty-four Past High Priests, and sixty-nine Representatives of subordinate Chapters.

The Chapter being opened in ample form, and the Standing Committees appointed, the Grand High Priest delivered his address, from which we quote the following:

"Another year has come and gone. Since last we met another milestone has been passed on the road of life. Companions, what have we written thereon? Will it rise up in after-life to condemn us, or will we receive commendation from the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe? Have we spoken words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved, assisted the fallen to rise, and visited the widows and orphans in their affliction? Companions, how have we builded this past year? Have we contributed material of good deeds, holy thoughts, and noble acts, cemented with brotherly love? The Great 'I Am' has endowed us with minds and sinews to be used for His glory, our good, and the good of our fellow-men. While the past year has to some been filled with joy, peace, sunshine and prosperity, to others there have been sorrow, gloom and pain. What we have done and what we have left undone, the record cannot be changed. Then, Companions, let us examine ourselves and ascertain how we stand with the Great Creator of all things. Are our acts of the past year approved by Him? If not, let us get ourselves right in the sight of our Maker, and may we enter upon the new year with renewed hope, fervency and zeal, being determined to improve the future by the lessons learned in the past, thereby accomplishing some good, being useful to others, continually honoring the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe, and in all our Masonic work, especially that of Capitular Masonry, may we all remember and teach the lesson that was taught us on entering the second veil, thereby bringing the Master Masons and those of the Royal Arch into a closer relationship with one another, thus gently leading them to behold the beauties of the Royal Craft through the Royal Arch Chapter."

"The year was one of peace, harmony and prosperity. Ten official visitations were made, in which the work was exemplified and instruction given in the lectures. Prominent in all these visitations was the social feature, in which the Companions around the festal board partook of substantial Masonic enjoyment, interspersed with joke, anecdote, story and merriment, thereby bringing them more closely together and infusing new life and activity among the Craft. Seven dispensations were granted, all referring to the election and installation of officers. Three new Chapters were instituted U. D."

He heartily recommends that the Companions of the Grand Body on returning home use their best efforts to get the Brethren and Companions to take some Masonic paper, believing that great good can be accomplished along this line, if proper efforts are made. There can be no doubt of that fact, for knowledge is power, either for good or for evil. This recommendation appeals with equal force to members of the Craft in all Jurisdictions.

He also recommends that beginning with 1906 the pictures of the outgoing and incoming Grand High Priests be placed in the Proceedings.

The Grand High Priest was sorely bereaved during the year in the death of his beloved wife.

Past Grand High Priest Angel S. Meyers and Companion Charles V. Taylor, Grand Captain of the Host, died during the year. Appropriate obituaries were read.

The following brief extract is from Comp. Taylor's In Memoriam:

"He loved truth and truthful men. No man can say that Companion Taylor ever dodged an issue. He spoke the truth too bluntly sometimes, and when he realized that he may have seemed unkind, none could be more swift to atone by apology and regret. The man, whether high or low, rich or poor, white or black, that he knew to be honest and true, he never forsook. He realized their value to the community and lent to them the powerful support of his influence. He was open as the summer day of a

cloudless clime. He ever looked one levelly in the eye. The worst of him could be seen at a glance. He was like a crystal stream of his native mountains, whose depth was only concealed by its perfect clearness."

The Committee on Ways and Means recommend that after payments which are due by appropriation have been made by the Treasurer, the balance remaining in the treasury, less the sum of $250 to be reserved for contingencies, be donated to the Endowment Fund of the Widows and Orphans' Home.

William D. Good, M. E. Grand High Priest.

William A. Clendening, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

TEXAS.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, Tuesday, December 6, A.D. 1904, A. I. 2434, M. E. Grand High Priest F. W. Fitzpatrick presiding, and the regular officers in their respective stations. There were also present twelve Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of one hundred and seven subordinate Chapters. All Royal Arch Masons in good standing and members of Chapters in the Jurisdiction were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter during the Grand Convocation.

The address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. F. W. Fitzpatrick, covers fifteen pages and is clearly and forcefully expressed. His introduction is as follows:

"Once more hath the earth completed its circuit around the burning and brilliant luminary of heaven.

"The wheels of time roll on and bury every moment in the dust.

"The Capitular year of 1904, with its opportunities, its joys, its pleasures, its happiness, and its responsibilities, its cares, its sadness, its disappointments, will soon be closed forever. The hands on the dial plate of

time indicate that the hour is now for the convening of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in its Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation."

His reference to the death of Past Grand High Priests John Adriance, Robert M. Harkness, Rufus Rounsavalle and W. F. Moore, Grand Visitor for the Sixth District, was most fitting. Past Grand High Priest Adriance had reached the ripe age of eighty-eight years and had been a Freemason for fifty years. He says in concluding his necrology:

"Scarcely have the altars and jewels of the subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction been without the emblems of mourning during the current year.

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the spring runs dry."

A list of the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions follows.

Eight Chapters were constituted during the year, four were revived, one restored, and six Dispensations for new Chapters were granted. Dispensations were granted to seven Chapters to install their officers publicly.

Twenty-one decisions were rendered by the Grand High Priest during the year, referring principally to the admission of candidates into the various Chapters in the Jurisdiction. The following are a few of the decisions:

"I received a communication from E. Companion R. H. Redfield, High Priest of Smithville Chapter, stating that a brother had been elected to take the Chapter degrees, but that two protests had been filed against him. I was inclined to believe that the protests had been filed against him preceding his election. Companion Redfield asks: 'Can I proceed under Resolutions and Edicts of 1903?' I replied: 'The clause you refer to was the decision and report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. No protest can be entertained before the election of a candidate. If protests were filed after the election of a brother, he will have to await the time of two years, unless protests are withdrawn. The only difference between protest and blackballs is, the former may be withdrawn at any time by the member

filing the same; while the blackball or balls stops the candidate for one or two years.'"

It appears from this decision that the *number* of blackballs determines the time that must elapse before the candidate can renew his application; one blackball requiring one year; two or more blackballs two years.

In another decision he says:

"Suspension in the Blue Lodge carries suspension in the Chapter. The Blue Lodge is the foundation, the mother of Masonry."

This is certainly a righteous decision. The second story of a building could not be sustained if the first be taken away.

Again he says:

"A brother who was deaf to a considerable extent wished to apply to a Chapter for the Royal Arch and appendant degrees. The High Priest of the Chapter, having a doubt as to his eligibility, asks: 'In case of a doubt which should receive the benefit of the doubt?'

"I answered: 'If the brother's hearing is impaired to such an extent as to incapacitate him from receiving, he is disqualified. Your Chapter is the better judge of the disqualification. We should never let our charity or zeal overcome our better judgment.'"

His decisions are clear, forceful and unequivocal, without bigotry or vacillation.

The following extract from the Grand Orator's address beautifully sets forth the oneness of Masonry regardless of environment:

"It has been my privilege to visit some of the Masonic Lodges in some of our largest cities in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as those situated in the rural districts of the extreme interior. In our larger cities, I have found Masons who are an honor to our Fraternity—big-hearted men, whose time, talent and money have been freely given to the great cause of charity and the upbuilding of Masonry. I have been royally welcomed to magnificent Lodge rooms, sumptuously furnished and splendidly adorned. Upon the floors emblematic carpets beautiful to the eye, walls and ceilings magnificently frescoed, and ornamented with emblems of Masonry; furniture

richly carved, luxuriously upholstered, costly regalia, splendid jewels, the letter 'G' blazing above the Master's chair, while hundreds of electric lights of many colors lent brilliancy to the glorious scene. Freely and without stint the brethren had contributed to beautify and adorn the home of Masonry—the Holy Temple erected to God and dedicated to benevolence and virtue. The stations were filled with splendid specimens of Texas manhood, arrayed in faultless attire. The sublime ritual of Masonry was given with an eloquence and beauty that fell grateful on cultured ears. The rich melodious voices accompanied by the grand, solemn, yet sweet and tender notes of a deep-toned organ swelled into a glorious harmony that filled the spacious hall with music almost divine, and led the chastened spirit far beyond the regions of this sin-cursed earth, and up to the very throne of God. When the evening was spent and with reluctant feet I left the sacred place, out of the fullness of my heart I exclaimed: 'How beautiful is Masonry!'

"The scene changes. We come nearer home. On some high hill or in some low valley stands a country Lodge room. No paved streets lead to this Lodge room. No street cars speed past its doors. It is situated in nature's solitude. The night is dark and stormy. I enter the Lodge room accompanied by a few of the brethren. The floor is bare; the walls are rough and unadorned; the unpainted wooden 'G' hangs carelessly from the ceiling above the Master's chair. The furniture is crude. Upon the primitive altar rests a humble Bible. The lesser lights consist of common tallow candles. The room is dimly lighted by old-fashioned lamps. The jewels are made of tin; the regalia is very simple indeed. Notwithstanding the stormy night, a goodly number of brethren drop in. Their clothing is not of the finest, their faces are tanned by exposure to the sun; their hands are hard and rough from honest toil. The Lodge is called to order. There is work to be done. The language is not so eloquent, the words are not so choice, but with simple yet earnest eloquence the beautiful lessons of Masonry are imparted to the eager candidate with force and impressiveness. Later the case of a brother's widow was brought up. There being no money in the treasury, the brethren were called upon for personal contributions. Every hand was quickly stretched forth, and upon the altar each gladly laid his mite. It was now time to close, and after a fervent prayer all united in singing 'God be with you till we meet again.' A sacred radiance beamed from every face, and every voice was lifted up in song until the very rafters shook. A dim religious light filled the hall. The letter 'G' blazed with golden glory, and upon that humble altar seemed to glow the Shekinah of the living God, and when at low twelve we bade the brethren farewell the storm had passed away. My eyes were wet with

tears of joy; my heart swelled with fervent gratitude, and I could but exclaim: 'How glorious is Masonry!'"

The State has been divided into fifteen Visitor Districts, so as to conform to the fifteen Congressional districts, making one district less than before.

The reports of the sixteen Visitors of the work in their respective districts show marked progress. Zeal, earnestness and activity are very generally manifested. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence reviews the report of Pennsylvania Grand Chapter fairly, kindly and commendatorily. They refer at length to the circular letter sent by the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Kline to the District Deputy Grand High Priests of the Jurisdiction, in which are clearly and emphatically set forth their several duties, and requiring their faithful performance.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $10,257.79 in his hands.

E. T. Murchison, M. E. Grand High Priest.

John A. Bryan, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

VERMONT.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, at 10 A.M., Friday, June 16, A.D. 1905, A. I. 2435. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Daniel Payson, in the chair. Present, nine Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, seven Past High Priests, twenty-two Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, forty Representatives of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter being opened in ample form, the M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his address. He gives in detail the work of the year. He extends a very hearty greeting to all the Companions present and congratulates the Fraternity on the success that has crowned the year. Tender reference is made to the dear departed dead, and a recommendation that memorial pages be set apart in the printed Proceedings of the Convocation, in loving memory of the loved and lost. Dispensations were granted to ballot upon petitions without the usual lapse of time, ordering in each case that resident Companions be notified of the proposed action and that the dispensation be spread on the Book of Records. In speaking of decisions, he very wisely says:

"He referred the questioners to the general rules and regulations governing the matter in question, by which they could readily extricate themselves from the seeming difficulty and thus perfect themselves in the Masonic Law."

Very good advice for any Jurisdiction. Peace and harmony generally prevailing, no grievance was brought to his notice. In each of the five Masonic districts, convocations were held, in which the several degrees were exemplified in such a finished and impressive manner as to elicit the commendation of the Grand Lecturer and the officers of the Grand Chapter who were present. Such meetings would certainly be productive of good from the standpoint of friendship and also of proficiency in the Royal Art.

A dispensation was granted to form a new Chapter at Hardwich, which being instituted he recommends that a Charter be granted.

He states that Comp. Ned. Price, of Bellows Fall, while examining the contents of an old box which had been handed down by his people for generations, found a Charter granted

by Vermont Grand Chapter, ninety years ago, to Washington Chapter, No. 6, holden at Chester, Vt. Artemas Robbins, first High Priest; Roberson Smiley, King; Christopher Webber, Scribe, and signed, Charles M. Williams, G. H. P.; James Porter, G. K.; Gordon Newell, Grand Secretary. This is an important accession to Capitular Masonic history in Vermont. In concluding his address he speaks in terms of highest praise of the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer for the valuable help rendered by each. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made a report on the following request, which was made to the M. E. Grand High Priest after his address was completed:

"A Chapter by its By-Laws provides in substance that a Companion who has paid dues for a period of twenty years, or who has paid a sum equal to the amount of twenty years' dues, shall become a life member of the Chapter and be thereafter exempt from the payment of dues; subsequently the Chapter amends the By-Laws, striking out the exemption, and calls on all members to pay dues. What is the status of the Companions who have become life members under the By-Law, and can they be compelled to pay dues?"

The Committee's answer is as follows:

"When a Chapter by its By-Laws provides for life membership by the payment of a stipulated sum, or the payment of dues for a certain number of years, and a member pays such sum, or continues his membership for the required number of years, paying his dues, and is therefore recognized by the Chapter as a life member and exempt from dues, the Chapter cannot by an amendment to its By-Laws place such member upon the paying list. That such a relation was thereby constituted as amounted to an agreement between the Chapter and the member, and the member fulfilled his part, it would be unjust, inequitable and unmasonic to repudiate it, especially when the amendment makes no provision for an equitable adjustment of payments therefor between life members and other members."

The report is certainly sound, common sense law, whether found in statute books or not. The Grand Lecturer speaks with pleasure of the uniformity in conferring degrees and the

correctness with which the ritualistic work is given throughout the Jurisdiction. He says:

"When it was necessary to reprove, I have not hesitated to do it, believing that my duty to the Grand Chapter demanded it."

The reports of the five District Deputy Grand High Priests give in detail the work as done in the several Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction. They show a lively interest in Capitular Masonry and a steady growth both in numbers and proficiency. The Committee on Necrology in their report refer not only to the distinguished dead of their own State during the past year, but also give brief obituaries of the deceased Grand Officers of the other Jurisdictions. Past Grand High Priests Richard M. Johnson and George E. Wagner, also Companion Samuel Irvin Givin, all of Pennsylvania, are very appropriately referred to, setting forth their worth as Freemasons, and their loss to the Craft.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is full, fair, generous and fraternal. Pennsylvania's report covers a little more than three pages. It contains a general synopsis of the work done by the Grand Chapter during the year. It speaks of the address of the Grand High Priest as "an able business-like presentation of his stewardship." The statement in the address that degrees were twice conferred "by virtue of my presence" seems to be perplexing to the reporter. It simply illustrates two characteristics of the Grand High Priest, namely, modesty and brevity. Instead of "by virtue of the presence of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest," he uses the shorter form, my presence, thereby declaring that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was present in *propria persona,* clothed with all the authority vested in him by the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Penn-

sylvania, and, therefore, issued an oral Dispensation to do the work, instead of the more circuitous method of correspondence. The reporter very truthfully states that

"eternal vigilance is necessary to guard against departures from the straight and narrow path of propriety."

Delos M. Bacon, M. E. Grand High Priest.
Henry H. Ross, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

VIRGINIA.

The Ninety-seventh Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia assembled in Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, Va., Tuesday, November 8, A.D. 1904, A. I. 2434, at 8 P.M. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in ample form by M. E. Grand High Priest Edward Smith Conrad. Representatives of twenty-two Chapters, eighteen Representatives of other Jurisdictions, four Past Grand High Priests, three District Deputy Grand High Priests and twenty-six Past High Priests were present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address says:

"The year has been a pleasant and a busy one. In addition to the unusual number of appointments which were made, I have written over three hundred letters, passed on numerous questions of Masonic law, granted dispensations to receive and ballot on twelve applications without waiting the statutory period, and refused a number of others; granted dispensations to open five new Chapters; had three Chapters installed, to which charters were granted at your last Grand Convocation; examined, approved and amended By-Laws for four Chapters; visited eleven Chapters, attended one of the Schools of Instruction, and assisted at the opening of the new Front Royal Chapter. It affords me pleasure to report that the Craft is prospering and harmonious throughout the Jurisdiction."

He very tenderly refers to the death of P. G. High Priest

Samuel M. Bowman, who had been a Freemason for fifty years, and states the valuable services rendered by him during his half century of Masonic life. This is followed by a sympathetic reference to the distinguished dead of the year just closing in other Jurisdictions.

Under the head of visitations he speaks of the pleasure enjoyed and that he urged the necessity of a thorough knowledge of the ritual and the unwritten work; that all degrees should be conferred with appropriate dignity and decorum; the importance of sending Representatives to one of the Schools of Instruction; and the making of an appropriation for the Masonic Home, and the remittance to be made through the Grand Secretary, and urging the adoption of a resolution appropriating $3.00 of each exaltation fee for that purpose.

In his decision on the territorial jurisdiction of individual Chapters, especially when one is in a city and the other outside the city limits about one and a half miles, he regrets that he cannot concur in the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The question referred for decision was,

"Is the dividing line of territorial jurisdiction half way between the corporal limits of the city and the Temple in the country, or is it half way between the respective meeting places of the city and country Chapters?"

In his answer he cites the Methodical Digest, Section 109, which says:

"The Jurisdiction of a chartered Chapter shall extend over all the adjacent territory in Virginia which is nearer to it by the usual mode of travel than to any other Chapter."

A subsequent provision modifies this law. The provision is that the Chapters shall have concurrent jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest says:

"My conclusion is 'that the line is half way between the respective meet-

ing places of the city and country Chapters, but that within the city limits there would be concurrent jurisdiction.'"

In Pennsylvania, the fact that a petitioner does not reside nearest to the Chapter to which he applies is no barrier in the way to him making application to that Chapter, but the Chapter receiving the application must make inquiry of the Chapter nearest the petitioner's residence, whether it has any Masonic objection to their acting on the application. Due notice must be given to all the members of the Chapter nearest his residence of the question asked and also stating that at that stated meeting a ballot will be had on the question. If five blackballs are cast, a Masonic objection will be established. That will stop all proceedings in the Chapter to which application was made. This may, probably, require a little more time than territorial Chapter limitations takes, but it permits the petitioner to choose his Masonic home, and the fact that it requires five black balls to establish a Masonic objection sufficiently safeguards the petitioner against one who might feel inclined to rebuke him for passing by the nearest Chapter.

The Grand High Priest recommends the continuance of appropriations for carrying on the two Schools of Instruction, the Valley and the Southwestern. He speaks of the pleasure he had in visiting Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, in Philadelphia, and the hearty welcome received from the Companions, and his appointment of Companion Thomas A. Kershaw as Grand Representative in Pennsylvania of the Virginia Jurisdiction, vice Companion Conrad B. Day, deceased.

The Grand Secretary gives a detailed report of the work during the year, which shows marked success. He says:

"During the year, five new Chapters have been organized, and a net gain of 373 Royal Arch Masons. I have made a careful examination of the records of the Grand Chapter and find that the year 1904 far exceeds any

year in the ninety-six years of its existence. In nine years we have had an increase of twenty Chapters and 1693 increase in membership."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $435.16 in the State Bank of Virginia. The Grand Lecturer's report is quite lengthy, showing a year full of activity. He organized five new Chapters and exalted one hundred and twenty-two candidates, and conferred the subordinate degrees on five others, not included in the above number. Number of Chapters, 51; number of members, 4,100.

Pennsylvania receives kind notice.

Sol. Louis Bloomberg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

James Braxton Blanks, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

WASHINGTON.

On June 19, 1905, the Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington assembled in The Fair Hall, Bellingham, and was called to order by the M. E. Grand High Priest, Nathan S. Porter, and opened in ample form. The roll of Chapters being called, all of the twenty-seven Chapters were represented, except three. The Committee on Credentials were allowed to insert in their report the names of any members of the Grand Chapter who may arrive during the Grand Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in his address refers to the peace and prosperity which we as a nation enjoy, giving a brief summary of the founding and development of our great Republic, that all these wise and patriotic builders of our government were inspired and actuated by the precepts and principles inculcated in Masonic Councils, Chapters and Lodge Rooms. He adds that lessons taught in symbolic Masonry

teach that there is something beyond them which must be known in order to a complete knowledge of the facts in the development of Free Masonry. He says:

"Some argue that the first three are the only degrees of Masonry. This, I believe, is equivalent to claiming that that which was lost was no part of Masonry, and it is not necessary to be known. With this idea I wish to take issue. I believe that Masonry is coexistent with the intelligence of man. True, our forms of initiation and advancement and the mode of explaining its symbols are comparatively modern, but they are generally adopted as the most effective way of impressing indelibly upon the mind, heart, conscience and understanding, the great and underlying truths which are and always have been the great palladium of the noblest, most ancient and profoundly sacred of all institutions. 'There is no religion higher than truth,' the pursuit of which, during the dark ages from which we are just emerging, required the strength of the lion, the patience of the ox, the intelligence of man, and the swiftness of the eagle."

Further he adds that:

"If immortality is taught by life, death and the resurrection, it would not be taught by life and death alone, or, if a substitute was used for either one, the lesson would still be incomplete. If a keystone to an arch was lost, the arch would not be complete without it, and a substitute, to be effective, must be a keystone, and nothing else."

Under Dispensations he says:

"While I do not favor using substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree, yet in small towns it frequently happens that two Most Excellent Masters may be compelled to wait an indefinite period of time for a third candidate to be ready to form a full team; and under such circumstances I deem it proper to use a substitute."

Dispensations were granted to six different Chapters to use a substitute. We heartily concur in the propriety of his action, and think there would be no impropriety in doing away with the team entirely, using one or two substitutes as the conditions might require. No applicant for initiation and membership would be delayed in receiving his degree. In another case a Chapter had four applicants for the R. A. degree,

and a dispensation was asked for to divide them, taking two at a time, and using a substitute in each case. This was refused. Rather inconsistent.

Under decisions, of which there are eight, the first is in answer to the following question:

"'A brother met with the loss of an eye when he was twelve years old. He was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason in another jurisdiction. Can we act on his petition for the Capitular degree?'

"*Answer*: 'If the brother is otherwise qualified you can act on his petition. I believe that it is generally accepted that the laws enacted by the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., are applicable to the Grand Chapter in the absence of legislation on the subject by the Grand Chapter.'

"'A young Scotchman has taken the Mark Master's degree in Scotland, where it is apparently given in the Lodge with the symbolic degrees. His diploma is by the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Is he entitled to a seat in our Chapter when working in the Mark Master's degree?'

"*Answer*: 'No. The Digest of the General Grand Chapter says: "A foreign Companion not in possession of all the degrees as practiced in the United States is not allowed to visit a Chapter."'"

The last question referred to him was:

"'Is it lawful for two members of the same Chapter to have and record the same or identical design as his mark? If not, what can be done when a Companion joining a Chapter on dimit brings with him a design that is the same or identical to one that has already been recorded by one of its members?'

"*Answer*: 'A Mark Mason's mark, after having been recorded, cannot be "altered or changed." If the dimitted Companion's mark has been recorded in the Book of Marks in the Chapter in which he was advanced, (and no doubt it has), when he joins your Chapter it will be lawful for you to receive and record his mark as it is, even though it be identical with one recorded in your Book. His name or the initials thereof should accompany his mark.'"

Under Necrology, the Grand High Priest announced:

"'Companions, please give attention while the Grand Secretary reads the names of our departed Companions.' The name and number of the Chapter, the name and date of death of the Companions of the entire Juris-

diction were then read by the Grand Secretary. This was followed by a list of the Most Excellent Companions of the other Jurisdictions who have passed through the vails."

This is certainly a beautiful and loving tribute of respect to the memory of the "loved and lost." The report of Pennsylvania contains the names of M. E. Grand High Priests Samuel M. Todd, Richard M. Johnson and George E. Wagner. I fail to find the name of Samuel M. Todd in the roll of Past Grand High Priests in Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary reports that for the first time in many years he is able to forward all the annual dues of the Chapters to the Grand Treasurer, which certainly speaks well for the promptness with which subordinate Chapters pay their debts to the Grand Chapter.

In the Correspondence Report, Pennsylvania receives a brief notice of a little more than a page, containing the action of the Committee on Charity and the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

Otis A. Crampton, Tacoma, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

WISCONSIN.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin convened in the Masonic Building, corner of Jefferson and Oneida streets, in the city of Milwaukee, Tuesday morning, February 21, 1905, M. E. Grand High Priest Franklin P. Ainsworth in the Chair and the other officers in their respective stations and places. The Grand High Priest having appointed the Standing Commit-

tees, delivered his address. In reference to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his Jurisdiction he says:

"It is my duty and pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevail between the Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin and all other Grand Jurisdictions, that no contentions exist, to my knowledge, among the subordinate Chapters of this State, a condition that speaks well for the spirit of fraternity which exists, and which is our chief characteristic. I believe that this spirit of fraternal forbearance will always continue, and will be the chief aid in the perpetuation of this great Institution."

He refers to the ravages of death in his own and in sister Jurisdictions in the following brief but beautiful expression:

"God alone is great. Enthroned in the inimitable calmness of His Eternity, He calls His children home."

P. G. High Priest Oliver Libbey and Past Grand King Ira A. Hill died during the year.

Three decisions were rendered.

"*Question No.* 1. Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, especially Rule 21, seems to conflict with a ruling of the General Grand Chapter. Which applies? *Answer*: Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter govern all Chapters in this Jurisdiction. Decisions of the General Grand Chapter which prescribe a different proceeding, apply only to those Chapters subordinate to itself.

"*Question No.* 3. Has the Grand High Priest the power to grant dispensation to ballot on petitions at a special Convocation of a Chapter, if, in his judgment, an emergency exists? *Answer*: No. Section I of Article X prohibits balloting upon petitions at any convocations of Chapters except stated convocations. This provision should never be set aside, as every member should have the fullest opportunity to cast his ballot on all petitions."

A committee of three was appointed to prepare and arrange a Chapter Monitor.

In reference to Mazomanie Chapter, which voluntarily surrendered its charter, on account of the burden imposed on the Companions in sustaining the Chapter, he says:

"On this subject I should like to be permitted to say, that it is my opinion that in future no Chapter should be instituted in any community unless the territory is, at the time of organization, large enough and prosperous enough to maintain it. The future growth of the territory to be occupied should also be considered. Large communities are sometimes built up around large lumber manufacturing plants; when the plant goes out, the community suffers, and if there has been a Chapter instituted, it suffers also. Permanency of population should be considered as one of the conditions to insure a good Chapter."

In reference to regular attendance on the part of the members, he thinks much depends on the efficiency of the Secretary in sending summonses to every member to attend all Convocations of the Chapter, and to send invitations to all sojourners within its jurisdiction. Summonses and invitations sent on postal cards he considers improper, if not unmasonic. Send under cover and avoid newspaper notices.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence on the opening of a Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe report as follows:

"With reference to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest regarding the power to open a Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King, and Scribe, your Committee are of the opinion that the provision of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter on that subject, Section 42, Article 3, authorizing the Junior Past High Priest present to open the Chapter, is a salutary one, provided that such High Priest is a member of that Chapter. We therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand High Priest in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1902 be amended and reapproved by adding at the end of the article quoted, the words, 'Provided that such Junior High Priest is a member of the Chapter.'"

The Committee on Correspondence recognize the Grand Chapter of New Zealand and recommend the exchange of Grand Representatives with her. The General Committee recommended that the Secretaries send notices of meetings in sealed envelopes, avoiding the use of postal cards or other

public notices as far as possible. Recommendation not approved.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand February 21, 1905, $6,131.40.

The Grand Secretary reports number of Chapters, 79; total number of members, 7,353; net increase, 200.

William E. Schwahn, M. E. Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. W. H.

CONCLUSION.

The elder Sothern, in his inimitable creation of the character of Lord Dundreary, used to say:

> "I know a gweat many pwovehbs. Now all pwovehbs are wediculous. Now there's that pwovehb, 'Boids of a featheh flock togetheh.' Now how wediculous that is—'boids of a featheh'—a featheh—that means one featheh. Now boids couldn't have one featheh—if there was only one featheh only one boid could have that featheh. Now how wediculous that is—a boid with only one featheh. Now this pwovehb says, 'Boids of a featheh flock togetheh.' Of course, boids must flock togetheh. How wediculous it would be foh one boid to go flock all by himself."

A Committee on Correspondence may be composed of one or more persons. As a rule, the usual committee is five, but the almost universal custom is that but one of these five prepares the report. That is, quoting Dundreary, one of the committee "flocks all by himself."

We, in Pennsylvania, come nearer to the proverb and our Committee on Correspondence "flocks together" and each one uses "a feather," or would do so if the good old-fashioned quill pens were still in use.

We have noted many comments on the part of the Committee *de facto* of other jurisdictions, most of them expressing a mild surprise that the work of our Committee is as good as

they are pleased to say they find it to be. One, however, while agreeing with the majority, as to the reputable quality of our work, is of the opinion that better results follow where one member of the Committee reviews the Proceedings of all the jurisdictions; but he offers no reason for this opinion. We hazard the guess, however, that he thinks greater homogeneity of thought and treatment will be the result of one-man work.

The above leads us to the consideration of the functions of a Committee on Correspondence. In this connection we use the word "correspondence" in its secondary sense, that of "friendly intercourse; reciprocal exchange of civilities; especially, intercourse between persons by means of letters." In point of fact, however, the average Committee acts as a reviewer sitting as a censor on the subject matter passing under his eye. Others again conceive their duties to be that of simply reporting to their own jurisdiction. A few seize the opportunity to become essayists upon the various topics cropping out in this heterogeneous treatment. While still others, thinking of the word "correspondence" in its primary meaning, that of "mutual adaptation of one thing to another; congruity; fitness; relation," look upon their duty as requiring of them that they shall point out affirmatively wherein the methods of the jurisdictions they review are in agreement with their own, or, negatively, wherein they differ. Then come the contentious ones. These are they who are *respondents* and who should spell the word *co-respondence*. For in its secondary sense, are they not those "who maintain a thesis in reply, and whose province it is to refute objections, or overthrow arguments?"

Perhaps none of the guild approach the subject as writers of letters of "friendly intercourse," tendering a "reciprocal exchange of civilities": and we say this in face of the charge that we are "mutual admirationists." In point of fact the role is a difficult one, the labor entailed is enormous and the

reward is such only as comes in the realization of a duty conscientiously performed.

As to Pennsylvania's method of dividing the work up among five, we believe there are distinct advantages. The first of these is in the minimizing of the labor. Each has but a fifth to do. The results therefore should be more satisfactory. Each may pursue a more leisurely pace and give to the reading greater concentration of thought and to the writing a more thorough treatment.

If, as we believe, our Committee views the word correspondence in its primary sense, it is easy to see why our reports, though composite, are so homogeneous. Trained in the strictest school of Capitular Masonry, each brings to his task a uniform knowledge of its forms and ceremonies, the requirements of its unwritten ritual and the laws codified in its Constitution. That, in other jurisdictions, which is in agreement with ours is seized upon for favorable comment. That which is not, is commented upon without acrimony to show how others reach similar results. That which is heretical is brought to notice that its dangers may be seen and shunned. That which is admirable, though not in accord with what we are taught, is commended, for each has learned that to err is human; to forgive, divine. To dispense Masonic Light and Knowledge is an accepted task and to assist at the rebuilding of the Temple a glorious, though unrewarded enterprise.

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Fraternally submitted.

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JAMES W. HUGHES,
Committee.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795-1906.

Year.	First Grand Chief.	Second Grand Chief.	Third Grand Chief.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith				
1797	"	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1798	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

Year.	Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Anthony Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Anthony Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Anthony Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"

1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matthias H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matthias H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matthias H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alexander H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alexander H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	Alexander H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"

Year.	Grand High Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1906.

Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

No.	Name.	Constituted in	Place of Meeting.	Time of Meeting.	Name and Address of Secretary.
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Stanislaus Remak, Philadelphia.
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Schriver, Harrisburg.
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	William L. Marshall, Lancaster.
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Alexander McCune, Philadelphia.
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia.
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	John W. McDowell, Washington.
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Nevin M. Davis, Reading.
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Henry Hammer, Minersville.
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	T. Morris Cuddy, Towanda.
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburg	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburg.
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven.
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	Clarence B. Edmiston, Brownsville.
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown.
166	Mt Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Harry M. Henshey, Hollidaysburg.
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Friday after full moon	James W. Doncaster, Rochester.
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia.
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle.
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Charles T. Cornman, Carlisle.
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Draper Billings, Tunkhannock.
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton.
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Tuesday after full moon	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury.
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia.
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Napoleon B. Heefner, Chambersburg.
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua.
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa.
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Last Friday	John M. Stewart, Carbondale.
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose.
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Fourth Tuesday	Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk.

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre.
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia.
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	C. L. Van Buskirk, Scranton.
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown.
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	William E. Wormald, Conneautville.
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Timothy Davis, Altoona.
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown.
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	First Tuesday	James D. Roberts, Meadville.
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	R. Kay Portser, Greensburg.
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburg	Second Friday	William J. Carson, Pittsburg.
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	John W. Mather, Wellsboro.
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Fourth Tuesday	John J. Jones, Johnstown.
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Fourth Monday	Alfred J. Derr, Pottsville.
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	Charles D. Weirick, Lebanon.
198	Phœnix	1861	Phœnixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phœnixville.
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wednesday after first Monday	David P. Shultz, York.
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Third Wednesday	James C. Satterlee, Corry.
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	Martin L. Shaffner, Huntingdon.
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	Barclay Lear, West Chester.
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	Third Monday	John F. Wenner, Allentown.
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale.
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Thursday on or before full moon	John S. Read, Dalton.
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	George B. Johnston, New Brighton.
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	John S. Bradley, Titusville.
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown, Phila	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg.
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend.
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin.
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Fred. W. Moser, Greenville.
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth.
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie.
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem.

217	Allegheny	1868	Allegheny	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny.
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg.
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap.
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	Saturday after full moon	James W. Van Billiard, North Wales.
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Benjamin Kaufman, Tremont.
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon	Morrison E. Snodgrass, Oxford.
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia.
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Cyrus H. Blood, Brookville.
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila	Third Wednesday	Matthias Coats, Frankford, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium.
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Pearl T. Davis, Clearfield.
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway.
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia.
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Joseph Crockett, Philadelphia.
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Stephen H. Appleton, Media.
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Robert W. Teese, Warren.
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Monday	Henry C. Goldsborough, Oil City.
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	Thomas E. Weber, Reading.
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	Newport.
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	John W. Farnsworth, Danville.
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia.
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William H. Crissman, Bellefonte.
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Thomas W. Kyte, West Pittston.
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd. Philadelphia.
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	George H. Murchie, Sharon.
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Tuesday after full moon	Edward Bright, Weldon.
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Wednesday after full moon	Fred. A. Reen, Watsontown.
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William F. Rupp, Kittanning.
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia.
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	John P. Norman, Monongahela.
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia.
251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Oscar R. Meyers, Philadelphia.
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Fourth Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City.
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	Clement H. Cole, Port Allegany.
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	James Cleaver, Bedford.

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256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch.
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburg	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburg.
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Third Tuesday	Edward A. Price, Jr., Media.
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Henry S. Lockart, Shippensville.
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Ambrose D. Sloan, Bradford.
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thursday on or before full moon	Robt. C. Kendall, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Isaac A. Cleaver, Ardmore.
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport.
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	John B. Savidge, Shamokin.
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	William A. Ritter, Westfield.
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Dan A. Skelly, Gettysburg.
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Thursday after full moon	George G. Myer, Coatesville.
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburg	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburg.
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses.
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	Frederick Constantine, Doylestown.
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Newton S. Kinzer, Pottstown.
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale.
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William A. Stein, Butler.
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Fourth Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor.
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	Wednesday after full moon	P. H. Bratton, Kennett Square.
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	G. W. Gleason, Susquehanna.
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Hiram P. Kuntz, Hazleton.
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Edmund Randall, Catasauqua.
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Charles A. Dickinson, Kane.
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	William A. Love, Carnegie.
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Claude C. Shull, Stroudsburg.
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Charles H. Walsh, McKeesport.
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Second Thursday	Samuel G. Zimmerman, Connellsville.
284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia.
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg.
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue.
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91	Columbia	1825	Philadelphia	Second Monday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia.
214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Thomas S. Woodbury, Philadelphia.
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia.

STATISTICS

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No.	Name.	Marked.	Adm.	Died.	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem,	29	1	12		8	433
21	Perseverance,	15	3	3			208
43		11	3	9	1	3	285
52	Harmony,	68	3	21	6	6	1184
91	Columbia,	41	4	18	5	4	585
150	Washington,	22	1	2	1		204
152	Reading,	12	1	2	3	4	230
159	Schuylkill,	2	1				38
161	Union,	10	3	3	5	2	218
162	Zerubbabel,	60	2	19		10	944
163	LaFayette,	7		2		1	118
164	Brownsville,	13		2	1	4	123
165	Union,	11		1	2	9	190
166	Mount Moriah,	9		1	1	1	97
167	Eureka,	10	2	1	1	2	108
169	Philadelphia,	19	2	7			248
170	Delta,	26	3	3	1	3	260
171	St. John's,	5		4	2		102
172	Temple,	4		2			94
173	Easton,	18	1	3	2	4	232
174	Northumberland,	21		1			78
175	Keystone,	51	2	11	2	3	525
176	George Washington,	7					97
177	Tamaqua,	3	1	1			54
178	Catawissa,	3					25
179	Eureka,	20		1		2	131
180	Warren,						31
181	Lilly,	5	1	2	1		121
182	Shekinah,	33	6	5	3	7	333
183	Oriental,	75	1	19	6	2	1186
185	Lackawanna,	39	6	7	3	2	356
186	Lewistown,	8		1			84
187	Oriental,	8		1	1	1	65
189	Mountain,	24	2	1		2	319
190	Norristown,	22		5	3	3	360
191	Solomon,	4	1	5	1		77
192	Urania,	18	1	7	1		254
193	Duquesne,	57	31	11	2	16	748
194	Tioga,	1			2		62
165	Portage,	5	2	3		7	161

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196	Mountain City,	10		1	1	4	125
197	Weidle,	5		2			127
198	Phœnix,	31	1	2	1		201
199	Howell,	14		3			194
200	Columbus,	4	1	2			90
201	Standing Stone,	9		3			91
202	Howell,	13		1			97
203	Allen,	24	1	3			217
204	Anthony Wayne,	9				1	65
205	Factoryville,			1	2	4	53
206	Harmony,	4	2		2		106
207	Aaron,		2	4	1		52
208	Germantown,	13	1	5	1	2	219
209	Samuel C. Perkins,	6		1	2		68
210	Great Bend,	2		1		2	29
211	Venango,	5		5	3	6	174
212	Mound,	9	5	5	1		137
214	Valley,	5	1	5	1		93
215	Temple,	12	3	4	2	2	257
216	Zinzendorf,	7	1	1	1	1	109
217	Allegheny,	46	3	11			743
218	Bloomsburg,	5		2	1	1	69
219	Griscom,	8		1	1	1	89
220	Fort Washington,			1			37
221	Tremont,	6			1	1	67
222	Lycoming,	23	1	4	1	2	296
223	Oxford,	5		1		2	76
224	Corinthian,	12	1	1	1		115
225	Jefferson,	17		4			228
226	Siloam,	14		9	1		216
227	Emporium,	1					74
228	Clearfield,	4		4	1	9	159
230	Elk,	6	1	1		1	125
232	St. John,	22	1	2	4	4	297
233	Kensington,	24	3	8	3	6	510
234	Media,	5	1	1	1	1	86
235	Occidental,	6	1	3	5		119
236	Oil City,	16	2		1		142
237	Excelsior,	16	1	8	8	19	422
238	Newport,			1	1	1	56
239	Danville,	12			1		70
240	Palestine,	32	4	8	3	1	452
241	Bellefonte,	1	1			8	90
242	Pittston,	5		1		3	121

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243	T. B. Freeman,	38	6	10	12	15	695
244	Norman,	16		1		1	147
245	Abington,	8	1	2		3	76
246	Warrior Run,	8				1	97
247	Orient,	25		1		2	179
248	Temple,	25	6	6	2		219
249	Monongahela,	14	1	2	2	1	192
250	Corinthian,	24	3	6	6		318
251	Signet,	17	7	5	3	4	127
252	Mizpah,	6					92
254	Arnold,	5					37
255	Bedford,	4	1	2			73
256	University,	54	6	5	3	2	408
257	Shiloh,	32	1	9	4	5	568
258	Chester,	23		2	3	3	293
259	Eden,	18	13	2			139
260	Bradford,	4	2	4	1	1	281
261	Troy,	2	1				70
262	Montgomery,	20	3	3	2		169
263	Coudersport,	1	1	1		1	65
264	Shamokin,	26				1	110
265	Westfield,	2	1	1	1	1	39
266	Good Samaritan,	4			1		98
267	Coatesville,	17	1			1	115
268	Pittsburgh,	23	1	2		6	377
269	Ulysses,			5	2	2	31
270	Doylestown,	6	1	2	1		92
271	Pottstown,	3		3		9	126
272	Hebron,	1					67
273	Butler,	12	4	4	1	1	168
274	Bangor,	5	1		1		65
275	Kennett,	1		1			48
276	The Susquehanna,	6		1			68
277	Hazleton,	12		3		8	132
278	Catasauqua,	2		2		1	103
279	Kane,	8				2	70
280	Cyrus,	25	1	2	2	1	196
281	Monroe,	6			4		98
282	McKeesport,	28		2	2	1	309
283	Connellsville,	11		1			93
284	Melita,	81	5	1	2		267
285	Wilkinsburg,	34	2				152
286	Bellevue,	21	2				109
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